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### BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

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| <b>1. July 5, 2023</b>    | <b>General Session</b> |
| <b>2. July 19, 2023</b>   | <b>Special Session</b> |
| <b>3. August 1, 2023</b>  | <b>Special Session</b> |
| <b>4. August 3, 2023</b>  | <b>General Session</b> |
| <b>5. August 22, 2023</b> | <b>Special Session</b> |





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ROBERT DesROSIER

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
GENERAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
JULY 5, 2023  
9:48 A.M.**

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

<b>Lauren Monroe Jr.</b>	<b>Thomas Rutherford Jr.</b>	<b>Robert DesRosier</b>
<b>Marvin Weatherwax Jr.</b>	<b>Everett Armstrong</b>	<b>Virgil Last Star</b>

**INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.**

**HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses, Honorary Women's Council, was present at the meeting to discuss a rumor of a payment distribution and the upcoming winter season.**

**HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Bill Spotted Eagle and Kenny Oscar, Honorary Men's Council, were present at the meeting to discuss the new Arbor, the COVID-19 Money, and NAID Events.**

**TOM RODGERS: Tom Rodgers, Lobbyist, was present at the meeting to discuss a working group for substance abuse/suicide prevention, forever chemicals (PFAs), voting, and insulin.**

**OMIE CRAWFORD/WATER ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Omie Crawford was present at the meeting to discuss a water issue in her home.**

**Lauren Monroe Jr. stated he would like Omie Crawford to be appointed to the Honorary Women's Council.**



**OMIE CRAWFORD/WATER ISSUE (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): The issue will be redirected to Blackfeet Housing and other appropriate programs to address the issue.**

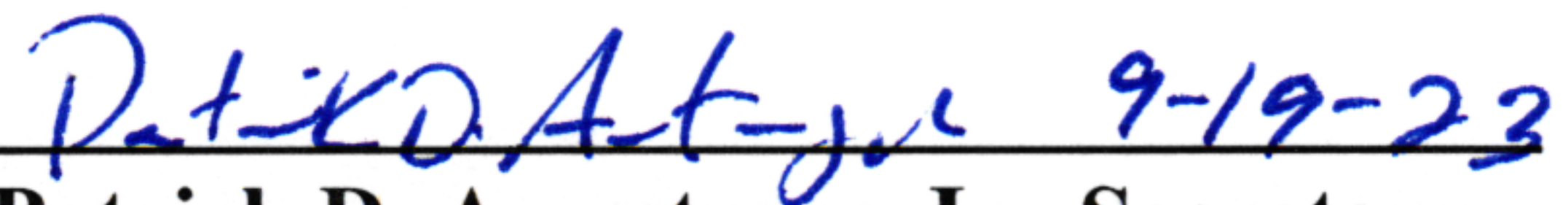
**LEGAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Managing Tribal Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss the Blackfeet Water Settlement and would like to commend the Water Department Legal Counsel for additional funding seeking.**

**NAID HOST DRUMS: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve an additional \$2,000.00 for the NAID Host Drum Groups, Bull Horn and Show Time, with funds to be taken from the North American Indian Days budget. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-190}**

**ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 12:13 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  
JULY 19, 2023  
9:48 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.  
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

Shelly Hall  
Robert DesRosier

**INVOCATION:** Donna YellowOwl gave the prayer.

**APPROVING MAY 10, 2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the May 10, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-195}

**APPROVING JUNE 20, 2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-194}

**APPROVING JULY 18, 2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the July 18, 2023 Land Board Minutes. Second by Robert DesRosier.

Discussion regarding the approved Homesite Leases.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. AMENDED his motion. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-193}



**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION):** Presented to the BTBC were the May 9, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the May 11, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the May 12, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the May 24, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the May 25, 2023 Special Session Minutes; and the May 26, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

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

**APPROVING USAGE OF STICK GAME ARBOR FOR FLOYD “BOB” GERVAIS FUNERAL SERVICES:** Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve the usage of the Stick Game Arbor for the Floyd “Bob” Gervais Funeral Services, with a Blessing Ceremony to follow. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-191}

**SERGEANT AT ARMS POSITION (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion. No action.

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Don White, Transportation Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the KLJ Engineering Contract and priority projects.

No action.

**PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Trish Kuka, Procurement Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#624-2023}

**FEE TO TRUST PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Roberta Arnoux, Fee to Trust Program Director; Jessica Edwards, Realty Specialist; and Danaiya Polk, Administrative Assistant, were present at the meeting to present Amendments to the following Fee to Trust Applications to reflect that the properties are for Economic Development;

**Former Warbonnet Property**  
**Former Weter #2 Property**  
**Villager Leasing LLC**  
**Holland House**  
**Former Rod Bartleson Property**  
**Wells Subdivision**  
**Former Fortune Property**



**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO FEE TO TRUST APPLICATIONS TO REFLECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Virgil Last Star made a Motion by separate Resolutions {#345-2023A, #607-2023, #608-2023, #609-2023, #610-2023, #611-2023, & #612-2023} to approve the Amendments, as presented. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**TRANSIT PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Warren Blackman, Transit Director, was present at the meeting to discuss funding for the Program.

**APPROVING THE BLACKFEET TRIBE'S REQUEST OF DIRECT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR 5311 RECIPIENT FUNDS (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#613-2023} to approve the Blackfeet Tribe's request of direct funding from the Federal Transportation Authority for 5311 Recipient Funds. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ARDEN PEPION SEARCH (CLOSED SESSION):** Diana Burd was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

A Request was made a for bear spray and clearing of an area for the search. The request was redirected to Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife.

**BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE (CLOSED SESSION):** Gerald Wagner, BEO Director; and Barry Adams, BEO Water Quality Manager, were present at the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#647-2023}

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed at 12:26 P.M. (6)

**RECONVENE:** The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M. (6)

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

**FINANCE/ARPA PROJECTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Lionel Kennerly, Finance Monitor, was present at the meeting to discuss the Heart Butte Senior Center and issues with a pipeline Contract. No action.

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#606-2023}



**APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS/FERN MARCEAU (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve \$15,210.00 to Fern Marceau for the community 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-192}

**APPROVING THE 2023 NAID STAMPEDE PARK SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Jodi Carlson, Tribal Administrator, was present at the meeting to present the ten (10) Contracts to the BTBC in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#618-2023} to approve the 2023 North American Indian Days Stampede Park Sole Source Service Contracts, as presented; with funds to be taken from ARPA funds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH WRS WEST FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK BUCKING CHUTES FOR HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#619-2023} to approve a Sole Source Contract with WRS West for the purchase of livestock bucking chutes for the Heart Butte Schools in the amount of \$51,226.94 with funds to be taken from the Stampede Park Budget. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY GOVERNANCE FOR THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THE BLACKFEET CONSTITUTION AND CORPORATE CHARTER PENDING THE ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC REPORTING ON TRIBAL MATTERS (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#605-2023} to establish temporary Governance for the disclosure and release of information pursuant to the Blackfeet Constitution and Corporate Charter pending the Enactment of an Ordinance for the release of information and Public Reporting on Tribal Matters. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**PLACING HOLD ON RESOLUTION NO. 192-2022 PENDING LEGAL REVIEW (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a Motion by Resolution {#654-2023} to place a hold on Resolution No. 192-2022 pending Legal Review in regards to a land issue. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#603-2023}

**CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#460-2023A}

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



**APPROVING ADDENDUM TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TD&H/LPW FOR PHASE 2 OF THE NEW HEART BUTTE POWWOW GROUNDS PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION):**

Virgil Last Star made a Motion by Resolution {625-2023} to approve Addendum to Professional Services Contract with TD&H/LPW for Phase 2 of the new Heart Butte Powwow Grounds Project. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION (CLOSED SESSION):** No action.

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

**DIRECTING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE HEART BUTTE SENIOR CENTER PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION):**

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#632-2023} to direct the Advertisement for Bids for the Construction Manager for the Heart Butte Senior Center Project. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ADVERTISE/LAND DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE OFFICER (CLOSED SESSION):**

Shelly Hall made a motion to authorize the Blackfeet Land Department to advertise for a Compliance Officer position at the rate of \$25.00 an hour. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-196}

**DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON BLACKFEET INDIVIDUALS DISPLACED FROM UNACCREDITED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN ARIZONA (CLOSED SESSION):**

Shelly Hall made a Motion by Resolution {#622-2023} to declare a State of Emergency on Blackfeet Individuals displaced from unaccredited Behavioral Health Facilities in Arizona. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING PAYMENT FOR COMMUNITY PLAYGROUNDS EQUIPMENT AND COUNCIL EVENTS FROM REMAINING FUNDS OF THE BIRCH CREEK SETTLEMENT FUNDS (CLOSED SESSION):**

Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#673-2023} to approve payment in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Community playground equipment and Council Events from the remaining Birch Creek Settlement Funds. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK TO BE PLACED IN BUFFALO FIELDS (CLOSED SESSION):**

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to direct the Blackfeet Land Department to place all impounded livestock in the Buffalo Fields. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-197}

**CONFIDENTIAL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION):** Excerpt {#E2023-206}



**APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE FLOYD “BOB” GERVAIS FEED (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve (not to exceed) \$5,000.00 for the Floyd “Bob” Gervais feed, with funds to be determined at the discretion of the Treasurer. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-198}

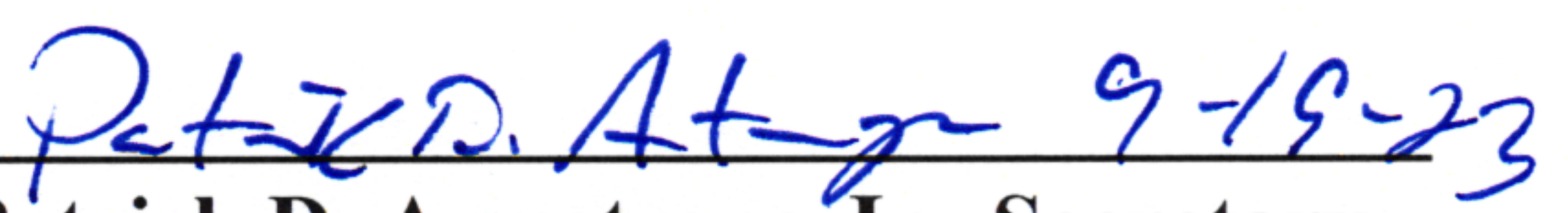
**APPROVING ARPA FUNDS FOR CENTER OF LIFE MINISTRIES (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#617-2023} to approve an Allocation from the ARPA Health and Wellness funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Center of Life Ministries Camp Meeting (Cheryl DeRoche). Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-199}

**APPROVING ALLOCATION FROM ARPA FUNDS FROM RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022 “YOUTH MENTAL WELLNESS ACTIVITIES” FOR 2023 MOLLY BULLSHOE CROSS COUNTRY RACE (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a Motion by Resolution {#616-2023} to approve an Allocation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from ARPA Funds from Resolution No. 129-2022 “Youth Mental Wellness Activities” for the 2023 Molly Bullshoe Cross Country Race. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed at 5:08 P.M. (6)

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