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**BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APPROVED:  
NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

<b>1. October 5, 2023</b>	<b>General Session</b>
<b>2. October 6, 2023</b>	<b>General Session (Reconvened)</b>
<b>3. October 18, 2023</b>	<b>Special Session</b>
<b>4. October 23, 2023</b>	<b>Special Session</b>
<b>5. October 26, 2023</b>	<b>Special Session</b>



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**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
GENERAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
OCTOBER 5, 2023  
9:35 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.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Everett Armstrong

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

**BTBC MINUTES:** Presented to the BTBC were the September 6, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the September 7, 2023 General Session Minutes; the September 13, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the September 20, 2023 Special Session Minutes; and the September 25, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve the Minutes, with a change to 'Members present' on the September 7, 2023 General Session Minutes. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**BTBC UPDATES:** Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center is recruiting for students.

**BLACKFEET LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES UPDATE:** Misty Keller, BLES Chief of Police, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on drug efforts, coverage in Heart Butte, radio coverage, and a new DARE Officer. No action.

**HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL:** Myrna Galbreath, Violet Provic, and Wilma Manywhitehorses, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss street lights, curfew, playground cleanup, and the Head Smashed in dinner. No action.

**HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL:** Edmund "Wishy" Augare and Bill Spotted Eagle, Honorary Men's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss Law & Order, the new Care Center and a Community Information Board. No action.

**HOMELAND SECURITY/SPILL UPDATE:** David Spotted Eagle Jr., Aquatic Lands Protection; and Shawn Lahr, BEO, were present at the meeting to discuss a spill of bentonite in the Milk River on the Blackfeet Reservation and violations for the spill in Ordinance #117, a further update will be provided. No action.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:30 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 10:30 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**BLACKFEET VETERANS:** Leo Pollock and Albert Salway, Blackfeet Veterans, were present at the meeting to introduce Star Darko and Michael Winters, Montana Veteran's Memorial Association.

Discussion regarding the Veteran's Memorial in Great Falls, MT. No action.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:58 A.M. (8)\*\*\***

**SIYCOM/FIBER OPTIC PROJECT UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION):** Brian Demarco, Charmaine Arcand, Jodi Carlson, Siycom; and Gheri Hall Tribal Historic Preservation Office, were present at the meeting to provide an update on the Fiber Optic project on the Blackfeet Reservation. No action.

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed at 11:20 A.M. (8)

**RECONVENE:** The meeting reconvened at 11:39 A.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

**Iliff Kipp Sr.**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.**

**Robert DesRosier**

**Marvin Weatherwax Jr.**

**Virgil Last Star**

**Shelly Hall**

**Everett Armstrong**

**HAND GAME COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT:** Carl Little Dog, Shelly Calfbossribs, CJ Aimsback, and Barbara Gopher, Hand Game Committee Members, were present at the meeting to provide a Financial Report. No action.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 12:20 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**BARBARA TAKES GUN KICKING WOMEN/CONCERNS:** Barbara Takes Gun - Kicking Women was present at the meeting to discuss concerns. No action.

**HONORING/KEVIN KICKING WOMEN:** Kevin Kicking Women was honored for receiving the Montana Teacher of the Year Award and gifts were presented.

**RECOGNITION/TERMAINE EDMO:** Termaine Edmo, Climate Change Coordinator was recognized and gifts were presented.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The meeting went into Closed Session.

**RECESS:** Robert DesRosier made a motion to Recess the Meeting until October 6, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Second Virgil Last Star. The meeting Recessed at 1:32 P.M. (8)

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APPROVED:

  
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**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
GENERAL SESSION  
(RECONVENED)  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
OCTOBER 6, 2023  
10:42 A.M.**

Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of eight (8) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Robert DesRosier  
Virgil Last Star

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Shelly Hall  
Everett Armstrong

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

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

**TREASURER (CLOSED SESSION):** Lengthy discussion regarding the Treasurer's position.

**APPROVING ILIFF "SCOTT" KIPP SR. AS TEMPORARY ACTING TREASURER (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#04-2024} to approve Iliff "Scott" Kipp Sr. as Temporary Acting Treasurer effective October 5, 2023 until such position is filled. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 12:25 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 12:32 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**FACILITIES DEPARTMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director, was present at the meeting to request a Budget Amendment as follows;

**Custodial Budget: \$96,466.14**

**Maintenance Budget: \$124,001.68**

It was the consensus of the BTBC to table this request until the November 2023 General Session.

**MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING (CLOSED SESSION):** Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Director; Lionel Kennerly, ARPA Monitor; and Michael Gervais, Architect, were present at the meeting to discuss the Multipurpose Building Additions.

**APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY TO INCLUDE TWO (2) FACILITIES BUMPOUTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve a Change Order to the Multipurpose Facility to include two (2) Facilities Bumpouts. Second by Robert DesRosier.

Discussion.

Motion **FAILED** with a vote of four (4) **FOR**; Patrick Armstrong Jr., Everett Armstrong, Robert DesRosier, and Marvin Weatherwax Jr.; and four (4) **OPPOSED**; Shelly Hall, Thomas Rutherford Jr., Virgil Last Star and Iliff Kipp Sr. (4-4) (8)

Further discussion regarding the funding and original plans.

Virgil Last Star changed his vote to **FOR**.

**APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY TO INCLUDE TWO (2) FACILITIES BUMPOUTS (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION):** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#13-2024} to approve a Change Order to the Multipurpose Facility to include two (2) Facilities Bumpouts. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) **FOR**; Virgil Last Star, Robert DesRosier, Marvin Weatherwax Jr., Everett Armstrong, Patrick Armstrong Jr.; and three (3) **OPPOSED**; Shelly Hall, Iliff Kipp Sr., and Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-3) (8)

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 2:26 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE TRIBAL DOCUMENTS/RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CLOSED SESSION):** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#06-2024} to approve the First Amendment to the Tribal Documents/Records Management Policies, approving updated Organization Chart. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 2:48 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**LAND ACQUISITIONS DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Roberta Arnoux, Land Acquisitions Department Director; Jessica Edwards, Realty Specialist; and Danaiya Polk, Administrative Assistant, were present at the meeting to request a Budget Amendment and equipment for the Program.

It was the consensus of the BTBC to TABLE the Budget Amendment request.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 3:19 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT WITH TEVA AND MCKINSEY AND COMPANY, INC. (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion by separate Resolutions {#08-2024 & 09-2024} to approve participation in Opioid Litigation Settlement with TEVA and McKinsey and Company, Inc. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#10-2024} to declare a State of Emergency on Youth Homelessness within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**AUTHORIZATION OF RENEWAL OF P.L. 93-638 WATER RESOURCES CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to authorize the renewal of P.L. 96-638 Water Resources Contract. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

{This Action was revisited at a later date.}

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 371-2022 INCREASING COST AND TIME FOR TASK ORDER #1 WITH DOWL FOR IRRIGATION AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT, UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#15-2024} to Amend Resolution No. 371-2022 increasing cost and time for Task Order #1 with DOWL for Irrigation and other Matters under the Master Agreement, under the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPOINTING THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND LAND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS FOR USDA AND/OR NRCS FUNDS FOR TRIBAL LANDS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND AND WATER DEPARTMENTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by separate Resolutions {#16-2023 & 17-2023} to appoint the Water Department and Land Department Directors for USDA and/or NRCS Funds for Tribal Lands under the Administration of the Land and Water Departments. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPROVING TRIBAL FOREIGN ADVERSARY REGULATIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Tribal Foreign Adversary Regulations. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH VIA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BLACKFEET TRIBAL TRANSIT FIVE YEAR PLAN (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#19-2024} to approve a Sole Source Contract with VIA for development of Blackfeet Tribal Transit Five-year Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**UPDATING COUNCIL COMMITTEES LIST AND OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 44<sup>TH</sup> TERM OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL REGARDING THE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ACTING TREASURER (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#35-2024} to update the Council Committees List and Outside Organization Appointments for the 44<sup>th</sup> Term of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council regarding the Fish and Wildlife Committee Chair and Executive Committee – Acting Treasurer. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPROVING MASTER AGREEMENT (SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT) WITH BRADFORD-SCOTT, DBA SHARETEC FOR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE CREDIT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#36-2024} to approve a Master Agreement (Sole Source Contract) with Bradford-Scott, DBA Sharetec for products and services for the Credit Department. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Director; and Donelle DeRoche, Compliance Clerk, were present at the meeting to discuss TERO Fees and Business License fees.

**ADOPTING NEW TRIBAL BUSINESS LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to Adopt the new Tribal Business License Fee Schedule beginning January 1, 2024 with Public Notice. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION):** Further discussion regarding filming on the Blackfeet Reservation, a Budget Amendment (Tabled), Sales Revenue, E-Cigarettes, Energy Drinks, and Liquor Licenses.

**APPROVING A PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE SALES TO RETURN TO THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT BUDGET (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve 33.3% of sales revenue collected by the Tribe to be returned to the Blackfeet Revenue Department budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPROVING 9-19-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-02}

**APPROVING 9-26-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the September 26, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-01}

**ADJOURNMENT:** Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:09 P.M.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
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SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
OCTOBER 18, 2023  
9:27 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.  
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

Robert DesRosier  
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

**INVOCATION:** Iliff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

**AGENDA (CLOSED SESSION):** Items were added to the Agenda.

**ACTING VICE-CHAIRMAN (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion regarding the Acting Vice-Chairman Position. No action.

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION):** Josh Bird, Internal Affairs, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

**FSA UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION):** Elise Garboursy, FSA State Outreach Coordinator, was present at the meeting to provide an update to the BTBC and introduce Patrick Louis (via Zoom). The call experienced technical difficulties. No action.

**DE LA SALLE (CLOSED SESSION):** Brother Dale, President; Rae Armstrong, De La Salle Teacher; and eight De La Salle 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students were present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 11:49 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**AGRICULTURE UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION):** Craig Iron Pipe, was present at the meeting to request the Agriculture Department be reorganized, to discuss 60 acres in Heart Butte for equine activities for the community, and a submission for a USDA Grant.

**It was the Consensus of the BTBC to TABLE the request to reorganize the Agriculture Department.**

**APPROVING THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A MEAT PROCESSING PROGRAM ON THE DUCK (BUFFALO) FIELD (CLOSED SESSION):** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the Agriculture Department to establish a Meat Processing Program on the Duck (Buffalo) Field. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT TO OCCUPY AND ADMINISTER 60 ACRES OF LAND IN HEART BUTTE FOR CORRALS (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to approve the Agriculture Department to occupy and administer 60 acres of land in Heart Butte for corrals for the purposes of corralling feral horses and possible impoundment and quarantine area of livestock, and to include equine therapy and youth activities. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**THPO (CLOSED SESSION):** John Murray, Tribal Historic Preservation Office Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC and request to be on the Agenda for the next scheduled meeting. No action.

**EPA/HOMELAND SECURITY (CLOSED SESSION):** Shawn Lahr, BEO; David Spotted Eagle Jr., BEO Aquatic Protection were present at the meeting to provide an update on a spill of bentonite.

**Discussion.**

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 12:47 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**EPA UPDATE (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION):** Further discussion regarding the Blackfeet Tribal Solid Waste Management Code.

**DIRECTIVE/LEGAL DEPARTMENT & BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion to direct the Blackfeet Legal Department and Environmental Office to collaborate to draft Amendments to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Code and Ordinance #117 'Aquatic Land Protection Laws'. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-03}



**LEGAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION):** Dawn Gray, Tribal Managing Attorney; and Derek Kline, Special Attorney, were present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

**GAMING COMMISSION (CLOSED SESSION):** Laura Jo Kipp and Mina Kipp, Gaming Commission, were present at the meeting to discuss the Commission operations.

**APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH GGHM AND THE BLACKFEET GAMING COMMISSION (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford made a motion by Resolution to approve an Agreement with GGHM and the Blackfeet Gaming Commission. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GALLARDO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & CONSULTING FOR GAMING COMMISSION (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Gallardo Government Relations & Consulting for the Blackfeet Gaming Commission. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 1:52 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**LEGAL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION):** Derek Kline, Special Attorney, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on a legal issue. No action.

**DECLARING SKIJORING AS AN ANNUAL EVENT AT STAMPEDE PARK HOSTED BY THE BLACKFEET MANPOWER PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#37-2024} to declare Skijoring as an Annual Event at Stampede Park by the Blackfeet Manpower Program. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ADOPTING WAGE SCALE FOR THE BLACKFEET CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#38-2024} to Adopt the Wage Scale for the Blackfeet Child Support Enforcement Program. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-1) (6)

**AUTHORIZING LAND BOARD CHAIRPERSON TO EXECUTE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL DOCUMENTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#40-2024} to authorize the Blackfeet Land Board Chairperson to execute First Right of Refusal Documents. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF P.L. 93-638 BLACKFEET WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM CONTRACT A15AV00862 FY 2024 (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#41-2024} to authorize the renewal of P.L. 93-638 Blackfeet Water Resources Program Contract A15AV00862 for FY 2024. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF P.L. 93-638 BLACKFEET RESOURCE INVENTORY AND MONITORING PROGRAM FOR FY 2024 (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#42-2024} to authorize the renewal of P.L. 93-638 Blackfeet Resource Inventory and Monitoring Program for FY 2024. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AMENDING LAW & ORDER CODE CHAPTER SIX "LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE" REGARDING COMMISSIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to amend the Blackfeet Law and Order Code Chapter Six "Law Enforcement Code" regarding Commissions. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE BLACKFEET NATION FISH AND WILDLIFE CODE (2023) REGARDING BUFFALO FENCE STANDARDS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Code (2023) regarding Buffalo Fence Standards. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE BLACKFEET FAMILY SERVICES ICWA PROGRAM (2024) (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$17,356.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the Blackfeet Family Services ICWA Program. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 3:24 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**APPROVING MELISSA AUGARE AS SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR STOCKMAN BANK AND STOCKMAN'S WEALTH MANAGEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford made a motion by Resolution {#31-2024} to approve Melissa Augare as Signatory Authority for Stockman Bank and Stockman's Wealth Management on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**ENROLLMENT ACTIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** Confidential Enrollment Actions were taken, and the Minutes area completed separately.

**APPROVING PAYMENT TO XTIRI FOR ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 to be taken from the Buildings and General budget for the Enrollment Department for Xtiri. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-04}

**ENROLLMENT ACTIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** a Confidential Enrollment Action was taken, and the Minutes are completed separately.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at (6)\*\*\***

**RECOGNIZING BLACKFEET MMIP (MT NON-PROFIT CORPORATION) AND DONATION FOR START-UP COSTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to recognize the Blackfeet Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MT Non-Profit Corporation) and donation in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING FUNDS TO JOHN AND CAROL MURRAY FOR FURNACE (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve funds not to exceed \$4,500.00 from the Buildings and General budget to John and Carol Murray for a furnace. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2023-05}

**THPO/HALEY OMEASOO (CLOSED SESSION):** John Murray, THPO Director; and Haley Omeasoo were present at the meeting to discuss a Proposal for a data base for MMIIP cases.

**It as the Consensus of the BTBC to TABLE the request and direct the Legal Department review the Proposal.**

**MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER (CLOSED SESSION):** Mercedes Old Person, Medicine Bear Shelter Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the Medicine Bear Shelter FY 2024 Budget.

**APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT (2024) FOR THE MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$14,700.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the Medicine Bear Shelter. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**CULTURE AND HOPE PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Amber Williamson, Culture and Hope Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the organization of the Culture and Hope program.

**PLACING THE CULTURE AND HOPE PROGRAM UNDER THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to place the Culture and Hope Program under the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried with a vote of four (4) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED; Robert DesRosier & Shelly Hall. (4-2) (6)

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 6:08 P.M. (5)\*\*\***

**RECESS:** The Meeting recessed at 6:15 P.M. due to no Quorum. (5)

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SPECIAL SESSION  
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OCTOBER 23, 2023  
10:29 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.  
Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Virgil Last Star gave the prayer.


WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to Waive the 48-hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING FUNDS FOR 2023 INFR CONTESTANTS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to approve \$400.00 each to the twenty-six (26) contestants to for the 2023 Indian National Finals Rodeo from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Robert DesRosier. (5-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2024-06}

ADJOURNMENT: Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

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APPROVED:

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



# BLACKFEET NATION

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Iliff "Scott" Kipp, Sr. - Chairman  
Lauren J. Monroe, Jr. - Vice Chairman  
Patrick D. Armstrong, Jr. - Secretary  
Melissa Augare - Acting Treasurer

## BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

Iliff "Scott" Kipp, Sr.  
Patrick D. Armstrong, Jr.  
Lauren J. Monroe, Jr.  
Shelly Hall  
Lyle Rutherford  
Robert J. DesRosier  
Everett Armstrong  
Marvin Weatherwax, Jr.  
Virgil Last Star

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
OCTOBER 26, 2023  
9:18 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

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

Shelly Hall  
Robert DesRosier

**INVOCATION:** Iliff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

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

**APPROVING FUNDS FOR INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP DUES (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a motion to approve \$200.00 from the Buildings and General budget to pay an Invoice for Membership Dues (Craig Iron Pipe) for the Intertribal Agriculture Council. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2023-06}

**APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FORM TO INITIATE DISBURSEMENTS AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ON TRIBAL ACCOUNTS WITH THE BUREAU OF TRUST FUNDS (2023) (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to authorize the form to initiate Disbursements and receive information on Tribal Accounts with the Bureau of Trust Funds. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY OF THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATING THE TREASURER AS MELISSA AUGARE FOR THE BANK ACCOUNTS AT FIRST INTERSTATE BANK (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to approve Signatory Authority of the current Executive Committee updating the Treasurer as Melissa Augare for the Bank Accounts at First Interstate Bank. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY OF THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATING THE TREASURER AS MELISSA AUGARE FOR THE BANK ACCOUNTS AT STOCKMAN BANK; AND DIRECTING TREASURER TO SET UP SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE 2023 BLACKFEET TRIBAL PER CAPITA PAYMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong reads the Resolution.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve Signatory Authority of the current Executive Committee updating the Treasurer as Melissa Augare for the Bank Accounts at Stockman Bank; and directing the Treasurer to set up Separate Account for the 2023 Blackfeet Tribal Per Capita payment. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY OF THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATING THE TREASURER AS MELISSA AUGARE FOR THE BANK ACCOUNTS AT NATIVE AMERICAN BANK (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve Signatory Authority of the current Executive Committee updating the Treasurer as Melissa Augare for the Bank Accounts at Native American Bank. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AMENDING ORDINANCE 86 UPDATING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES AND REVENUE (2023) (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to Amend Ordinance No. 86 updating Business License and Revenue. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**HOMELAND SECURITY (CLOSED SESSION):** Sarah Wolftail, Homeland Security Director; Tim McKay, I.T; and Brittney Wolftail, Homeland Security, were present at the meeting to discuss a Cybersecurity Grant.

**AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET HOMELAND SECURITY TO APPLY FOR THE CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (2023) (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to authorize the Blackfeet Homeland Security to apply for the Cybersecurity Grant Program. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)



**APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT OF TREASURER'S POSITION (CLOSED**

**SESSION)**: Shelly Hall made a motion to direct the Personnel Department to advertise the Treasurer's position. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-07}

**APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT OF PLANNING DIRECTOR POSITION (CLOSED**

**SESSION)**: Shelly Hall made a motion to direct the Personnel Department to advertise the Planning Department Director position. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-08}

**ADJOURNMENT)**: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

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APPROVED:



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