

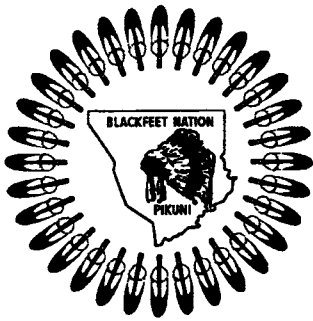


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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL SESSION

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| 1. November 2, 2023 | General Session |
| 2. November 13, 2023 | Special Session |
| 3. November 15, 2023 | Special Session |
| 4. November 20, 2023 | Special Session |
| 5. November 29, 2023 | Special Session |



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Virgil Last Star

**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 2, 2023
9:16 A.M.**

Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called the meeting to order with the following present to constitute a Quorum of seven (7) members:

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong
Robert DesRosier

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Virgil Last Star
Shelly Hall

APPOINTING CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING: Robert DesRosier made a motion to appoint Marvin Weatherwax Jr. as the Chairman, for the meeting. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

INVOCATION: The Honorary Men's Council gave the prayer.

BTBC MEETING MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the BTBC were the October 5, 2023 General Session Minutes; the October 6, 2023 General Session (Reconvened) Minutes; the October 18, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the October 18, 2023 Enrollment Minutes; the October 23, 2023 Special Session Minutes; and the October 26, 2023 Minutes.

Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Vice – Chairman Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:22 A.M. (8)*****

APPROVING 10-24-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES: Virgil Last Star made a motion to approve the October 24, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Patrick Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-11}

BTBC UPDATES: Robert DesRosier stated there is discussion to identify funds for a Detox Center, approximately \$5 Million, more information will be provided.

There is a JUUL & Opioid Lawsuit with funds to be appropriated to the Blackfeet Tribe and there is a request to appropriate those funds towards the Detox Center.

Terydon Hall, Legal Assistant, stated there will be further discussion regarding the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Robert DesRosier stated the MMIP Program has been approved as a 501-c Non-Profit and reached out for a location.

Shelly Hall stated there is still clean-up efforts within the Land and Homeland Security Departments.

Shelly Hall stated there will be negotiations with the Ft. Peck Tribe in Great Falls on November 3, 2023.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. stated there will be discussions regarding the THIP, there will need to be two individuals appointed to the THIP Sub-Committee.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. stated there has been meetings held with IHS regarding the Heart Butte Community health services.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated the Blackfoot Confederacy Conference will be held the following week. An Agenda is available to individuals who would like a copy.

Everett Armstrong stated the Planning Department has been directed to locate playground and picnic equipment for Blackfoot, Seville, and Starr School for next spring.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. stated the Blackfeet Tribe has been awarded \$36 Million for the Water Compact and updates for the Amendments to the Compact will be made available as the information is received.

TRIBAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT: Dana Salway, Tribal Security Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the purchase of replacement security cameras for the Tribal Buildings in the amount of \$4,409.68.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated the Tribe has received at Grant that might have funds available for the cameras.

Robert DesRosier stated the Homeland Security has applied for a Cybersecurity Grant and there will be a Committee developed to administer the Grant Funds, if awarded.

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses, Honorary Women's Council Member, was present at the meeting to discuss Percapita amount.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. stated the BTBC has not discussed the Percapita amount yet, an update will be provided to the Honorary Council.

Wilma Manywhitehorses, stated there will need to be efforts for the Drug and Alcohol problems on the Blackfeet Reservation.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. stated there is discussion for an MOU for Border Protection.

Everett Armstrong stated there is a meeting scheduled to discuss the ban of malt liquor.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: The Honorary Men's Council Members were present at the meeting to discuss the Men's Cursillo.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 10:00 A.M. (7)*****

APPROVING FUNDS FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CURSILLO: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve \$1,000.00, with funds to be determined by the Treasurer, for the Men's Cursillo. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Discussion.

Shelly Hall AMENDED her motion to include \$1,000.00 for the Women's Cursillo, with a total amount of \$2,000.00 to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-12}

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 10:10 A.M. (6)*****

APPROVING FUNDS FOR BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY CONFERENCE: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve an additional \$5,000.00, with funds to be determined by the Treasurer, for the Blackfoot Confederacy Conference. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-13}

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 10:17 A.M. (7)*****

FIRE MANAGEMENT HONORING/JOHN THOMAS & WILLARD PEPION JR.: John Thomas and Willard Pepion were honored and gifts were presented.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 10:50 A.M. (8)*****

CARBON CREDITS/P.H.L.I.: Dylan DesRosier, Pikuni Health Lodge Institute, was present at the meeting to discuss Carbon Credits. No action.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR CHRISTMAS CANDY FOR YOUTH: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#76-2024} to approve \$8,000.00 for Christmas candy for the youth, with \$4,000.00 to be determined by Treasurer and \$4,000.00 to be taken from the Tribal Health funds. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING SAM'S CLUB QUOTE FOR TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE "OLD EAGLE SHIELD'S" BUILDING: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#77-2024} to approve \$4,799.10, with funds to be determined by the Treasurer, for tables and chairs for the "Old Eagle Shields" Building. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

FINANCIAL REQUEST/VOLLEYBALL HAWAII TRIP: Discussion regarding the Financial Request, a Multi-Voucher will be completed. No action.

DESIGNATING TRIBAL TRUST TRACT T6196 AS BLACKFEET TRIBE OWNER'S USE: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#103-2024} to designate Tribal Trust Tract T6196 as Blackfeet Tribe Owner's Use. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPOINTING JACE RACINE AND GLENDA HALL TO THE THIP SUBCOMMITTEE: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to appoint Jace Racine and Glenda Hall to the Tribal Health Improvement Program Sub-Committee. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{This action was revisited at a later date.}

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 11:27 A.M. (8)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 11:57 A.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

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| Marvin Weatherwax Jr. | Lauren Monroe Jr. | Patrick Armstrong Jr. |
| Thomas Rutherford Jr. | Shelly Hall | Robert DesRosier |
| Everett Armstrong | | |

TOM RODGERS UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Tom Rodgers was present at the meeting to discuss detox services and three lawsuits.

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 12:04 P.M. (8)*****

LEGAL ISSUE: a Legal Action was taken.

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DIRECTIVE/LAND BOARD – TOM RODGERS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to direct the Land Board to correlate with Tom Rodgers to locate available land with a water source for study purposes. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr.

NO VOTE.

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 12:24 P.M. (7)*****

HONORING/LISA EVERS: Lisa Evers was honored and gifts were present.

RECESS: the meeting recessed at 12:53 PM. (7)

RECONVENE: the meeting reconvened at 1:24 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

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| Marvin Weatherwax Jr. | Patrick Armstrong Jr. | Virgil Last Star |
| Shelly Hall | Robert DesRosier | Everett Armstrong |

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 1:30 P.M. (7)*****

BUFFALO HIDE ACADEMY: Cinnamon Salway, BPS, was present at the meeting to discuss a request for a music festival at the Red Eagle Campground in the summer of 2025. It was recommended the Buffalo Hide Academy collaborate with the Blackfeet ManPower Program. **No action.**

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 1:44 P.M. (8)*****

HONORING/LISA EVERS: Lisa Evers was honored, and gifts were presented.

APPROVING ENDORSEMENT/NATIVE BALL FILM: Robert DesRosier made a motion to provide an Endorsement on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council for the 'Native Ball' Film, the Legal Department will draft a Letter. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-23}

APPROVING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE FAMILY OF MIKA WESTWOLF: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve a Letter of Support (to be drafted by the Legal Department) to the Family of Mika Westwolf (Carissa Heavy Runner – Mother). Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-24}

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session at 2:40 in the Legal Conference Room.

LAND PURCHASE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:03 A.M. (7)*****

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): a Land Action was taken.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:03 P.M. (8)*****

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): a Land Action was taken.

DIRECTING THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE THE TREASURER'S POSITION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to direct the Personnel Department to advertise the Treasurer's position, as soon as possible. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-14}

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#106-2024}

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#107-2024}

DESIGNATING THE SMITH HOUSE AT THE BUFFALO HILLS SPIRIT RANCH TO BE CONVERTED TO AN AIRBNB (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#108-2024} to designate the Smith House at the Buffalo Hills Spirit Ranch to be converted to an AirBNB. Second by Everett Amstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 3:30 P.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:34 P.M. (6)****

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Gerald Cobell, Fish and Wildlife Director; and Dewey Bear Medicine, Game Warden were present at the meeting to update the BTBC and discuss enforcement of the Annual Regulations. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 3:45 P.M. (7)*****

LEGAL UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Dion Killsback, Special Counsel, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:00 P.M. (8)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 4:00 P.M. (7)*****

LAND ISSUE/MERLE CONNELLY (CLOSED SESSION): Merle Connelly was present at the meeting to discuss a land issue. No action.

AMENDING EXCERPT NO. E2023-226 'DIRECTIVE TO BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE' (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to Amend Excerpt No. E2023-226 'Directive to Blackfeet Environmental Office' to correct the Directive to the Blackfeet Environmental Office to enforce the Tribal Environmental Code in regards to Stan Running Wolf's Home. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-15}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 4:10 P.M. (8)*****

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:10 P.M. (7)*****

BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE/GABE GRANT (CLOSED SESSION): Gabe Grant, and Shawn Lahr, BEO, were present at the meeting to discuss an environmental issue with a home.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 4:30 P.M. (6)*****

Lengthy Discussion.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 4:48 P.M. (7)*****

AMENDING TRAVEL POLICY REGARDING MILEAGE RATES (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#130-2024} to Amend the Travel Policy to include Mileage Rates. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE WITH GLACIER PEAKS CASINO AND RESTAURANT TO PROVIDE CATERING SERVICES FOR THE BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY CONFERENCE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#75-2024} to approve a Sole Source with Glacier Peaks Casino and Restaurant to provide Catering services for the Blackfoot Confederacy Conference. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 5:04 P.M. (6)*****

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a land issue. No action.

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): a Land Action was taken.

APPROVING SUPPORT LETTER FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLACKFEET GENETIC DATABASE (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#73-2024} to approve a Support Letter for Establishment of the Blackfeet Genetic Database. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING TASK ORDER 2311-2 FOR THE DESIGN OF FOUR BRIDGES AND THE DESIGN OF THE HEART BUTTE SAFETY FENCE PROJECT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND KLJ ENGINEERING LLC, UNDER THE IDIQ AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#74-2024} to approve Task Order 2311-2 between the Blackfeet Transportation Department and KLJ Engineering, LLC under the IDIQ Agreement. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting Adjourned at 5:11 P.M. (6)

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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
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
1:45 P.M.**

Chairman Iloff 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:

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| Iloff Kipp Sr. | Lauren Monroe Jr. | Patrick Armstrong Jr. |
| Thomas Rutherford Jr. | Virgil Last Star | Shelly Hall |
| Everett Armstrong | Robert DesRosier | |

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING TRIBAL HEALTH FUNDS FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE BLACKFEET TRIBE TO ASSIST TRIBAL CLIENTS RETURNING FROM SHUTTERED TREATMENT FACILITIES IN ARIZONA (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve Tribal Health Funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for costs incurred by the Blackfeet Tribe to assist Tribal Clients returning from shuttered Treatment Facilities in Arizona. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

2023 PERCAPITA PAYMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the amount of the 2023 PerCapita payment.

APPROVING THE 2023 PERCAPITA AMOUNT (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve the 2023 PerCapita in the amount of \$400.00. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-22}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#101-2024}

FINANCIALS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding Financials. No action.

APPROVING RELEASE OF CYBERSECURITY GRANT RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve the release of the Resolution approving Homeland Security to apply for the Cybersecurity Grant Program, without the Clearinghouse Form. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-16}

OFFICE SPACE/TRIBAL CREDIT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve the Credit Department to occupy the current Oil & Gas office space. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-17}

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:12 P.M. (7)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:12 P.M. (6)*****

OFFICE CLOSURE/THANKSGIVING (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to close the Tribal Offices on November 22, 2023 to November 24, 2023. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (5-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2024-18}

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 3:50 P.M. (5)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 4:00 P.M. due to loss of Quorum. (5)

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APPROVED:



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Virgil Last Star

**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 15, 2023
9:21 A.M.**

Chairman Iloff 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:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Thomas Rutherford
Robert DesRosier

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

INVOCATION: Iloff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 9:28 A.M. (8)

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

REORGANIZING MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER UNDER THE BLACKFEET
MANPOWER ONE STOP PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#102-2024} to reorganize the Medicine Bear Shelter under the Blackfeet ManPower One Stop Program. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 9:53 A.M. (7)

NOMINATING GERALD COBELL, FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
FOR THE DOI SHARED STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY FOR WILD BISON HERDS
(CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#100-2024} to nominate Gerald Cobell for the Department of Interior Shared Stewardship Strategy for Wild Bison Herds. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 10:10 A.M. (8)*****

CLASS 7 IMMERSION (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Class 7 Immersion Requirements. No action, further discussions will be held.

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 10:15 A.M. (7)*****

SUSAN WEBBER/UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Susan Webber, Montana State Senator, was present at the meeting to provide an informational update. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:19 A.M. (6)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 10:22 A.M. (6)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 11:12 A.M. with the following members present to constitute a Quorum of seven (7) members:

**Iliff Kipp Sr.
Virgil Last Star
Robert DesRosier**

**Lauren Monroe Jr.
Shelly Hall**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong**

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly, Assistant Treasurer, was present at the meeting to request BTBC Action.

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH SLETTEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE GLACIER PEAKS WINDOW AND SIDING REPAIRS FOR INCREASED COSTS AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE OF DECEMBER 1, 2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#109-2023} to approve Change Order No. 1 with Sletten Construction Company for the Glacier Peaks Window and Siding Repairs for Increased Costs and Substantial Completion Date of December 1, 2023. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 11:20 A.M. (7)*****

SUSAN WEBBER/UPDATE (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Susan Webber, Montana State Senator, was present at the meeting to discuss the Radiation Exposure Act, the possible incorporation of 63,000 acres of the south side of the Blackfeet Reservation into Pondera County, and the possible incorporation of Browning. No action.

GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS/UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Rosie Morsin, Global Volunteers, was present at the meeting to request assistance with living quarters for the 2024 volunteer activities. No action, further discussion will be held.

CKP INSURANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Nicholas Burchfield, CKP Insurance PRF Specialist, was present at the meeting to discuss insurance on range units on the Blackfeet Reservation.

*****Patrick Armstrong entered the meeting at 12:23 P.M. (8)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 12:23 P.M. (7)*****

CKP INSURANCE (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion regarding the CKP insurance Policy. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:46 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.

Lauren Monroe Jr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Shelly Hall

Virgil Last Star

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 1:04 P.M. (7)*****

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 1:05 P.M. (8)*****

TRIBAL HEALTH/SOUTHERN PIEGAN HEALTH CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Jennifer St. Goddard, Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO; and Tribal Health/SPHC Employees were present at the meeting to discuss issues.

Lengthy Discussion.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 2:00 P.M. (7)*****

TRIBAL HEALTH/CLOSED SESSION: Discussion. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:00 P.M. (8)*****

REORGANIZING 988 GRANT UNDER THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#110-2024} to reorganize the 988 Grant Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration (SAMHSA) under the BTBC. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall & Robert DesRosier; and one (1) Abstain, Everett Armstrong. (5-2-1) (8)

INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion with Josh Bird, Internal Affairs. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:23 P.M. (7)*****

INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion. No action.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 3:42 P.M. (6)*****

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 3:48 P.M. (7)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION):
{#117-2024, #118-2024}

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 3:57 P.M. (8)*****

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Josh Bird, Property Manager, was present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR BILLEDEAUX CONSTRUCTION SET UP OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULAR BUILDING (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#114-2024} to approve a Sole Source Contract for Billedeaux Construction at the rates provided by Billedeaux Construction not to exceed \$26,500.00, to be paid by the Buildings and General budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously (8)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#113-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-27}

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:30 P.M. (7)*****

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:35 P.M. (6)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR/SEPARATION BENEFITS (CLOSED SESSION): Kalsey Carlson, Tribal Administrator, was present at the meeting to discuss the Separation Benefit fund.

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 4:42 P.M. (7)*****

CONCLUDING THE SEPARATION BENEFIT FROM ARPA FUNDS UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 485-2023 (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#112-2024} to conclude the Separation Benefit under Ordinance #122 (Resolution No. 485-2023) for lack of funds and the current conditions regarding COVID-19 impacts on Tribal Employees. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

FINANCIAL REQUEST (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

AMENDING EXCERPT NO. E2024-06 'APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE 2023 INFR CONTESTANTS' (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to Amend Excerpt No. E2024-06 'Approving Funds for the 2023 INFR Contestants' to include payment to Mykayla Tatsey in the amount of \$400.00 from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {E2024-06A}

INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

SMITH HOUSE AIRBNB/INTERIOR DESIGN ASSISTANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the interior design assistance for the conversion of the Smith House into an AirBNB.

No action, further discussion will be held.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:58 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TTIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2028 THAT IDENTIFIES PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#93-2024} to approve the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2028 for the Blackfeet Tribal Transportation Program to be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 633-2023 APPROVING THE FINAL SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY (OCTOBER 11, 2023) FOR THE ALL CHIEFS PARK RESTORATION FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#111-2024} to Amend Resolution No. 633-2023 approving the final signed Certificate of Survey (October 11, 2023) for the All Chiefs Park restoration for the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING MOU BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DISTRICT OF MONTANA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL AUSA FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES, AWARD NO. 15JOVW-23-GG-043-TRIB (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Blackfeet Tribe and the United States Attorney's Office District of Montana for the appointment of Tribal Special Assistant U.S Attorney for Domestic Violence Cases, Award No. 15JOVW-23-GG-043-TRIB. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

DESIGNATING JACE RACINE AND GLENDA HALL AS THE RMTLC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THIP TO CONSULT WITH CMS FOR SUSTAINABILITY (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#94-2024} to designate Jace Racine and Glenda Hall as the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council Subcommittee for Tribal Health Improvement Program to consult for CMS Sustainability. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING NOTICE OF AWARD TO SLETTEN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#124-2024} to approve the Notice of Award to Sletten Construction for the Wellness Center. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE NOTICE OF AWARD TO SWANK ENTERPRISES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution {#95-2024} to approve the Notice of Award to Swank Enterprises for the construction of the Heart Butte Arbor. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)