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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
MINUTES
APPROVED
JANUARY 18, 2024
GENERAL SESSION

1. December 7, 2023

General Session

2. December 20, 2023

Special Session



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
DECEMBER 7, 2023
9:22 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 eight (8) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Thomas Rutherford
Robert DesRosier

Lauren Monroe Jr.
Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

**REALLOCATING UNUSED FUNDS FROM THE 2023 HEART BUTTE INDIAN DAYS
BUDGET FOR THE 2023 HEART BUTTE CHRISTMAS POWWOW:** Patrick

Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#137-2024} to reallocate \$14,919.15 from the 2023 Heart Butte Indian Days budget for the 2023 Heart Butte Christmas Powwow. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**APPROVING CAN-AM ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TO BE PLACED UNDER DES &
HOMELAND SECURITY:** Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve the Can-Am All-Terrain Vehicle to be placed under the Disaster Emergency Services & Blackfeet Homeland Security Department. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-31}

DIRECTING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PROCURE P-CARDS FOR TRAVEL:
Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#138-2024} to direct the Finance Department to procure P-Cards for travel. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 9:35 A.M. (7)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 9:40 A.M. (8)*****

BTBC MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the November 2, 2023 General Session Minutes; the November 13, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the November 15, 2023 Special Session Minutes; the November 20, 2023 Special Session Minutes; and the November 29, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Minutes Coversheet.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes. Second by Virgil Last Star.

Robert DesRosier stated November 2, 2023 Special Session Minutes, page 3 paragraph 3 will need to be corrected.

Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING 12-5-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the December 5, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-32}

APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2024 ELECTION BOARD: Virgil Last Star made a motion to approve the Advertisement of the 2024 Blackfeet Tribal Election Board, to be advertised from January 8, 2024 to January 19, 2024. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-33}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 9:45 A.M. (7)*****

BTBC UPDATES: Shelly Hall stated the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm now accepts children whose parents are enrolled in any Tribe, and a Task Force will be developed.

Shelly Hall stated the 4th feral horse sale has been completed at the Perry Ranch and approximately 400 horses have been removed from the Reservation.

BTBC UPDATES (CON'T.): Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated the Education Committee has been meeting with the Browning Public Schools and Heart Butte Schools. A MOU will be presented to the BTBC to improve attendance on the Blackfeet Reservation.

Shelly Hall stated Christmas Lights were purchased and Glacier Electric is assisting to place the lights on poles in Browning.

Virgil Last Star stated there is an issue with hiring of Contractors for Housing. Further discussion will be held.

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Myrna Galbreath, Wilma Manywhitehorses, Annie Vielle and Violet Provic, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss rental units in Starr School, the Beautification Project and curfew.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:03 A.M. (8)*****

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Bruce Schildt, Charles DeRoche, Kenny Oscar, Bill Spotted Eagle and Roy Wolftail, Honorary Men's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss contractors and issues with elderly homes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lionel Kennerly, Assistant Treasurer, was present at the meeting to discuss the progress of the audits and funding for youth athletic financial requests.

OACEUS: Richard Smith, OACEUS CEO, was present at the meeting to discuss Tribal Employee participation in the OACEUS Wellness Plan.

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED/OACEUS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to proceed with discussions for a possible development of an Agreement with OACEUS. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-34}

JONAS HORN/RECOGNITION: Jonas Horn was recognized for participation in the Indigenous Football Bowl.

CAROL OLLINGER/ADDISON DIANA MCCLURE (CLOSED SESSION): Carol Ollinger (mother) and Addison McClure 2023-2023 Montana Universal Beauty Queen, were present at the meeting to request financial assistance to attend the World Crown Pageant in Oklahoma.

The request will be directed to Blackfeet Tribal Health.

TRANSITION WELLNESS: Mark Foster, Transition Wellness, was present at the meeting to discuss Natives for Recovery.

Mr. Foster was recommended to discuss the Recovery Program with Blackfeet Tribal Health.

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE: John Murray, THPO, was present at the meeting to discuss a request for a Budget Amendment.

No action, there will be further discussion.

SLEEPING BUFFALO STONE: Josh Chase, Sleeping Buffalo Stone, was present at the meeting to discuss the Tribal Collaboration in placement of the Stones.

Further discussion will be held.

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 11:55 A.M. (7)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:00 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:12 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Virgil Last Star
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Robert DesRosier

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Shelly Hall

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 1:17 P.M. (8)*****

WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 1:24 P.M. (7)*****

WATER DEPARTMENT (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 1:59 P.M. (8)*****

APPROVING THE TRIBAL RANCH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE FARM AND RANCH PLAN UNDER THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#139-2024} to approve the Tribal Ranch Management Plan for the Farm and Ranch Plan under the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#140-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#141-2024}

NOMINATING THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO SERVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION ST. MARY AND MILK RIVER STUDY (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#142-2024} to nominate the Blackfeet Water Department Director to serve on the International Joint Commission St. Mary and Milk River Study. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING SEISMIC GAGE ACTIVITY ON THE PERRY RANCH (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to approve Seismic Gage Activity on the Perry Ranch. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AMENDING EXCERPT NO. E2023-228 'DIRECTING CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS TO BURN LAGOON BERMS' TO UPDATE LANGUAGE TO REFLECT FIRE MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to Amend Excerpt No. E2023-228 'Directing Chief Mountain Hot Shots to burn Lagoon Berms' to update the language that the burns are to be directed to Fire Management. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-35}

APPROVING TASK FORCE FOR BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM YOUTH HOMELESSNESS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve a Task Force for the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm youth homelessness. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-36}

FIRE MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Michael Hoyt, Forestry Manager, was present at the meeting to request BTBC Action.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH ED KENNEDY AND ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THINNING PROJECT WITH FORESTRY MANAGEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#143-2024} to approve a Sole Source Contract with Ed Kennedy and Associates, LLC for Thinning Project with Forest Management. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of seven (7) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (7-1) (8)

APPROVING FY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

(CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve a FY 2024 Budget Amendment for Property Management in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the Operations and Maintenance of the Program with 40% of the budget for Maintenance and 60% for Operations. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

REAFFIRMING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR VILLAGER HOUSE (CLOSED

SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to reaffirm the Lease Agreement for Villager House. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

HEALTH INSURANCE/ANGIE KIPP (CLOSED SESSION): Angie Kipp, Tim Williams, All State Benefits, and Jess Kays, were present at the meeting to discuss a Health Insurance Proposal.

No action, further discussion will be held.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Dana Pemberton, Personnel Director, was present at the meeting to request BTBC Action.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#144-2024}

APPOINTING TWO ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to appoint two individuals to the Allocation Committees in accordance with the Blackfeet Nation Grazing Privileges. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-37}

APPOINTING BLACKFEET NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

MEMBERS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to Appoint seven (7) individuals to the Blackfeet Nation Institutional Review Board. Second by Thomas Rutherford. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-38}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 3:40 P.M. (7)*****

APPOINTING BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to Appoint five (5) individuals to the Blackfeet Community College Board of Trustees. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-39}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 3:45 P.M. (8)*****

AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY (2018) REGARDING TRIBAL HOLIDAYS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#145-2024} to Amend the Blackfeet Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Part 8, Employee Benefits, Section 8-2-4 Paid Holidays and other Official Days of Observance adding the following holidays:

- e. Earl Old Person Day (April 13th)
- j. North American Indian Days (2nd Thursday of July through Sunday)
- k. Heart Butte Indian Days (2nd Thursday of August through Sunday)
- o. Elouise Cobell Day (November 5th)

Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY (2018) REGARDING CHRISTMAS THROUGH NEW YEAR'S TRIBAL AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#153-2024} to Amend the Blackfeet Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Part 8, Employee Benefits, Section 8-2-4 Paid Holidays and other Official Days of Observance adding the following holiday dates to Christmas and New Year's:

- a. New Year's Day (January 1st) (December 31st and January 2nd)
- n. Christmas Holiday (December 25th) (December 21-December 24th; and December 26th through December 30th)

Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

TREASURER'S POSITION (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 4:01 P.M. (7)*****

AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY (2018) REGARDING EMPLOYMENT WAIVERS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution {#145-2024} to Amend the Blackfeet Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Part 14, Separation from Service, Section 1., Resignation: and Section 5., Separation Period, are amended to reflect the Waiver decisions are to be made by the Personnel Director. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY (2018) REGARDING PERSONNEL RECORDS (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#145-2024} to Amend the Blackfeet Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Part 11, Personnel Records, Section 2, Employee Personnel File. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING ANNUAL ISSUE OF BLACKFEET TRIBAL PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve annual issue of the Blackfeet Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to all Tribal Employees by September 30th of every year. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-40}

TRAVEL POLICY (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 4:21 P.M. (8)*****

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:24 P.M. (7)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUE REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Director; and Donelle DeRoche, Compliance Clerk, were present at the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY (2018) REGARDING ADVERTISEMENT OF PERMANENT VACANT POSITIONS FILLED BY TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#145-2024} to Amend the Blackfeet Tribal Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Part 3, Types of Appointments and Positions, Section 4., Temporary Employees, that all Permanent Positions filled by Temporary Employees shall be advertised within 14 days of the appointment. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): {#147-2024}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 5:05 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Resolutions {#171-2024 & #172-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#167-2024}

LAND ACTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#128-2024}

APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND BLACKFEET NATION (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#131-2024} to approve a Grant Agreement between the Nature Conservancy and Blackfeet Nation. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 5:11 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING LETTER OF COMMITMENT NO. 5 WITH STOCKMAN BANK (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#129-2024} to approve Letter of Commitment No. 5 with Stockman Bank. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 5:25 P.M. (6)*****

FINANCE POLICY (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

TERMINATING LEASE WITH SIYEH FOR THE HERITAGE CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#176-2024} to terminate Lease with Siyeh Corporation for the Heritage Center. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH BLACKFEET MMIP FOR THE HERITAGE CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#165-2024} to approve an Occupancy Agreement with Blackfeet MMIP for the Heritage Center. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 5:30 P.M. (7)*****

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 5:30 P.M. (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 5:35 P.M. (5)*****

TRUANCY (CLOSED SESSION): Dennis Juneau and Sam Juneau were present at the meeting to discuss a MOU regarding Truancy.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 5:46 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT #9 TO PROVIDE HEALING TO WELLNESS SERVICES AND FAMILY SERVICES COOPERATION (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#146-2024} to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with School District #9 to provide Healing to Wellness Services and Family Services Cooperation. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

GAMING (CLOSED SESSION): Laura Jo Kipp and Mina Kipp, Gaming Commission, were present at the meeting to request BTBC Action.

DIRECTING FUNDS FOR GAMING TRAINING TO BE PAID (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to direct Siyeh to pay \$5,500.00 for the Gaming Training in Great Falls, Mt. on December 14-15. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Robert DesRosier. (5-1) (6)

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

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#133-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#134-2024}

APPROVING TASK ORDER 2311-3 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR BROWNING STREET DESIGN AND MODIFYING THE EXISTING TASK ORDER FOR BLACKFEET PLANNING AND PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PROJECT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND KLJ ENGINEERING, LLC UNDER THE IDIQ AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION):

Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#162-2024} to approve Task Order #2311-3 between the Blackfeet Transportation Department and KLJ Engineering, LLC under the IDIQ Agreement. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 6:31 P.M. (5)*****

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the Multipurpose Facility project.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 6:39 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING PAYMENT TO EKA, LLC FOR THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY BUMP-OUTS UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 13-2024 (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#152-2024} to approve payment to Ed Kennedy & Associates, LLC for the Multipurpose Facility Bump-Outs under Resolution No. 13-2024. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding Draft Resolutions submitted to the Legal Department. No action.

DIRECTING TRIBAL HEALTH I.T. DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN FINANCE SERVERS AND EQUIPMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#173-2024} to direct the Tribal Health I.T. Department to maintain the Finance Department Servers and Equipment. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)


REAFFIRMING HONORARY COUNCIL PROCEDURES (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to Reaffirm the Honorary Council Procedures approved under Resolution No. 268-2014 to reflect that the Sign-In Sheets are to be utilized for every meeting. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)
Excerpt {#E2024-41}

ADJOURNMENT: Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 6:55 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
DECEMBER 20, 2023
9:30 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.
Shelly Hall
Robert DesRosier

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Robert DesRosier gave the prayer.

APPROVING 11-21-2023 LAND BOARD MINUTES (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve the November 21, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-45}

APPROVING TRIBAL TRACT AUM RATE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve the Tribal Tract AUM rate at the rate of \$19 AUM (Animal Unit Months). Second by Everett Armstrong.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 9:48 A.M. (8)

Motion carried unanimously. (8)

IRRIGATED AND DRY LAND AUM RENTAL RATES (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the irrigated and dry land AUM rental rates.

Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 10:10 A.M. (7)

APPROVING IRRIGATED AND DRY LAND AUM RENTAL RATES (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve Tribal Agricultural rental rates as follows:

Irrigated Cropland - \$20.00

Dry Cropland - \$16.00

Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 10:15 A.M. (8)*****

DESIGNATING THE KING RANCH FOR LIVESTOCK IMPOUNDMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to designate the King Ranch as an area for livestock impoundment.

Discussion.

Shelly Hall WITHDREW her motion. A plan will be developed.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:23 A.M. (7)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 10:25 A.M. (6)*****

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 601-2023 NURTURING CENTER P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#174-2024} to amend Resolution No. 601-2023 approving Nurturing Center P.L. 93-638 Contract. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 10:35 A.M. (7)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 10:38 A.M. (6)*****

DIRECTING THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE THE CHIEF JUDGE POSITION (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to direct the Personnel Department to advertise the Blackfeet Tribal Court Chief Judge Position, immediately. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (5-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2024-44}

GLACIER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (CLOSED SESSION): Hugo Anderson, Glacier Electric General Manager, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 10:39 A.M. (7)*****

LAND ISSUE/POLITE “HOSS” PEPION (CLOSED SESSION): Polite “Hoss” Pepion Sr. and Polite Pepion Jr. were present at the meeting to discuss a land issue.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:59 A.M. (8)*****

LAND ISSUE/POLITE “HOSS” PEPION (CON’T.) (CLOSED SESSION): The item will be discussed within the Land Board.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 11:25 A.M. (7)*****

PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Paulette Butterfly, Acting Planning Department Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr entered the meeting at 11:37 A.M. (8)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 11:39 A.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:39 A.M. (6)*****

PROJECT MANAGER (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Project Manager Position. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 11:47 A.M. (7)*****

DIRECTIVE/ALL TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to direct all Tribal Programs and Departments to collaborate with the Planning Department to develop Strategic Plans. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-46}

DIRECTING TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS TO UTILIZE UPDATED CLEARINGHOUSE FORM (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to direct all Tribal Programs and Departments to utilize the updated Clearinghouse Form in the Planning Department for all Grant Applications. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:10 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 12:30 P.M. with the following present at the meeting to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Shelly Hall
Virgil Last Star

HONORING TOMMY RUNNING RABBIT (CLOSED SESSION): Tommy Running Rabbit was honored and gifts were presented.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:45 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened in the Legal Conference Room at 1:27 P.M. with the following members present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Shelly Hall
Virgil Last Star

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong

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

AMENDING APPROVED OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH BLACKFEET MMIP FOR THE HERITAGE CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to amend the Occupancy Agreement with Blackfeet MMIP for the Heritage Center to reflect that the utilities are to be paid for four (4) months, January 2024 to May 2024. Second by Everett Armstrong.

Robert DesRosier AMENDED his motion to include that the utilities are to be paid from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH WILDERNESS MEDICAL STAFFING FOR TRIBAL HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#149-2024} to approve a Sole Source Contract with Wilderness Medical Staffing for Tribal Health. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH A&E FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING SERVICES FOR THE BLACKFEET CARE CAMPUS (SKILLED NURSING CENTER): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#154-2024} to approve a Sole Source Contract with A&E for Planning and Programming Services for the Blackfeet Care Campus (Skilled Nursing Center). Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ACCEPTING FUNDS UNDER A P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT FOR THE HEART BUTTE CORRALS UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 55-2024 (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#150-2024} to accept funds under a P.L. 93-638 Contract for the Heart Butte Corrals under Resolution No. 55-2024. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 2:00 P.M. (8)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 2:03 P.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 2:05 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING UPDATE TO BLACKFEET LAW AND ORDER CODE CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1 AIR JURISDICTION (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to update the Blackfeet Law and Order Code Chapter 1, Section 1 Air Jurisdiction. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr, Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 2:14 P.M. (7)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 2:14 P.M. (8)*****

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 2:19 P.M. (7)*****

AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY (2018) REGARDING CHRISTMAS THROUGH NEW YEAR'S TRIBAL AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS (CLOSED SESSION):
Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title of the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#153-2024} to amend the Blackfeet Tribal Personnel and Policies Manual Part 8, Employee Benefits to add the following dates to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays:

New Year's – December 31st and January 2nd

Christmas Holiday – December 21-24; and, December 26 through December 30

Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 556-2021 UPDATING DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#151-2024} to amend Resolution No. 556-2021 updating dispute Resolution and Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity for the Wellness Center. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr.

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 2:22 P.M. (6)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 2:23 P.M. (7)*****

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 2:26 P.M. (8)*****

MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY PROJECT MEETINGS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Multipurpose Facility project meetings. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL ACTION (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-47}

APPROVING PAYMENT #1 AND #2 TO EKA, LLC FOR THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY BUMP OUTS UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 13-2024 (CLOSED SESSION):

Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads Therefore 1-3.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#152-2024} to approve payment #1 and #2 to EKA, LLC for the Multipurpose Facility bump outs under Resolution No. 13-2024. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried with a vote of six (6) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall and Iliff Kipp Sr. (6-2) (8)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 2:46 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2023 YELLOWSTONE HUNTS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#148-2024} to approve up to \$10,000.00 with funds to be determined by the Treasurer for the 2023 Yellowstone Hunts. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE HEART BUTTE CHRISTMAS STICK GAME TOURNAMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 with funds to be taken from the Buildings and General budget for the Heart Butte Christmas Stick Game Tournament. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-42}

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 2:52 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE BROWNING CHRISTMAS STICK GAME TOURNAMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$2,500.00 with funds to be taken from the Buildings and General budget for the Browning Christmas Stick Game Tournament. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried with a vote of four (4) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, Iliff Kipp Sr. & Thomas Rutherford Jr. (4-2) (6) Excerpt {#E2024-43}

DIRECTIVE/STICK GAME COMMITTEES (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to direct the Stick Game Committees to collaborate with the Planning Department to develop Standard Operating Procedures. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-48}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Personnel Resolution.

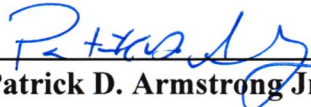
APPROVING OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS FOR THE SEVILLE BINGO HALL (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution {#179-2024} to approve an Occupancy Agreement with the Chief Mountain Hot Shots for the Seville Bingo Hall. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 3:20 P.M. (7)*****

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session, and the Recording Secretary was excused.

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APPROVED:



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