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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
MINUTES
APPROVED
FEBRUARY 8, 2024
GENERAL SESSION

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| 1. January 8, 2024 | Special Session |
| 2. January 17, 2024 | Special Session |
| 3. January 18, 2024 | General Session |
| 4. January 19, 2024 | General Session (Reconvened) |
| 5. January 31, 2024 | Special Session |



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Virgil Last Star

**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 8, 2024
9:20 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.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Everett Armstrong

Virgil Last Star

Robert DesRosier

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

BTBC UPDATES: Robert DesRosier stated the Tribe has received the first payment of the JUUL Settlement Lawsuit in the amount of \$792,000.00 the second payment will be issued in December of 2024.

The National Day of Recognition for Human Trafficking will be January 12, 2024, the Blackfeet MMIP will have a recognition at the Heritage Center.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated the Heart Butte Schools is having funding issues and may approach the Blackfeet Tribe for assistance. There will be a Heart Butte School Board meeting held on January 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Shelly Hall inquired what is the status of the Feather Women Lodge. Virgil Last Star stated the Nurturing Center is making efforts to assist in opening the facility.

DIRECTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE ACCOUNT OF A BUDGET OF THE JUUL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#164-2024} to direct the establishment of a Separate Account of a budget of the JUUL Litigation Settlement Proceeds to the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

LILLY GLADSTONE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier stated there are discussions to recognize and honor Lilly Gladstone, Blackfeet Tribal Member, who received the Golden Globes award for Best Female Actor in the film Killers of the Flower Moon. Further discussions will be held.

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Misty Hall, Enrollment Director, was present at the meeting to discuss concerns with the BTBC.

RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NO. 30-2024 AND RESOLUTION NO. 98-2024 (IN PART) (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion by Resolutions {#157-2024, 158-2024, 159-2024 & 160-2024} to rescind Resolutions No. 30-2024 and 98-2024 (in part). Second by Virgil Last Star.

Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Robert DesRosier	FOR
Thomas Rutherford Jr.	FOR
Shelly Hall	FOR
Patrick Armstrong Jr.	FOR
Virgil Last Star	FOR
Everett Armstrong	FOR
Iliff Kipp Sr.	FOR
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	FOR

(8)

TAX HOLIDAY/FEE LANDS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall stated there is a Tax Holiday for Fee to Trust lands for five years; Tribal Members are not eligible for the Tax Holiday.

A letter will be drafted regarding the issue and further discussions will be held.

APPROVING TASK ORDER #2311-01192-03 FOR BLACKFEET PLANNING AND PROGRAM ASSISTANCE PROJECT BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND KLJ ENGINEERING, LLC UNDER IDIQ AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#162-2024} to approve Task Order #2311-01192-03 for Blackfeet Planning and Program Assistance Project between the Blackfeet Transportation Department and KLJ Engineering, LLC under IDIQ Agreement. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. (8)

WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the water issue that occurred during the Holiday break. No action.

LEGAL UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Legal Department Special Attorney, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 11:27 A.M. (7)*****

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 11:28 A.M. (6)*****

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF BIA YEAR-END FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR LAND ENFORCEMENT PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#166-2024} to authorize submission of a Bureau of Indian Affairs year-end funding proposal for Land Enforcement Project. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

DIRECTING MONTHLY REPORTS FROM TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS/PROGRAMS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BTBC (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#163-2024} to direct Monthly Reports from Tribal Departments/Programs to be submitted to the BTBC. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

KAI NA TA PI WA (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Kai Na Ta Pi Wa Elder Group. No action.

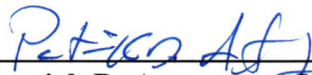
*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 11:45 A.M. (5)*****

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 11:45 A.M. (4)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 11:45 A.M. due to no Quorum.

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SPECIAL SESSION
(RECONVENED)
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 17, 2024
9:43 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.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Shelly Hall

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Robert DesRosier

Virgil Last Star

Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Iliff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

BTBC UPDATES (CLOSED SESSION):

CLARIFYING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR LEASES ON TRIBAL TRUST LANDS

(CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#180-2024} to clarify the approval process for leases on Tribal Trust Lands. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

******Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 10:05 A.M. (6)*****

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Stephen Pollock, Acting Transportation Department Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on current projects within the Department and discuss a Personnel Issue.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 10:40 A.M. (7)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#181-2024}

SIERRA CLUB/MONTANA CHAPTER (CLOSED SESSION): Caryn Miske, Sierra Club Montana Chapter Executive Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the Legislative Session, Political Campaigns, EPA Grant Funding and a Feasibility Study for 8 Crossing Structures 5 Bridges and 3 Tunnels.

No action, further discussion will be held.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 11:14 A.M. (6)*****

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session.

TERRY TATSEY/UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Terry Tatsey was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 11:45 A.M. (7)*****

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 11:48 A.M. (6)*****

TERRY TATSEY (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Terry Tatsey discussed CGI Capital and renewable energy.

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

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 12:15 P.M. (6)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 12:19 P.M. (5)*****

TERRY TATSEY/CGI CAPITAL (CLOSED SESSION): Terry Tatsey discussed the Governing body of CGI Capital and Tribal Relations.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 12:25 P.M. (6)*****

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 12:31 P.M. (5)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:35 P.M. (5)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:07 P.M. with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Virgil Last Star

Robert DesRosier

Everett Armstrong

BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER/PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion.

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 1:29 P.M. (7)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 1:29 P.M. (6)*****

BECC (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Lengthy Discussion.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 1:46 P.M. (5)*****

BECC (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 1:57 P.M. (6)*****

GRIEVANCE PROCESS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Grievance Process.
No action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 2:08 P.M. (7)*****

AMENDING THE BLACKFEET PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL REGARDING TRANSFERS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#182-2024} to amend the Blackfeet Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Part 2, Recruitment and Selection, Section 3. Internal Transfer Process, No Advertisement, Section 2-3-2 as follows:

If an employee requesting a Transfer is currently under Investigation, the employee shall not be eligible for the Transfer until and unless the Investigation yields no findings against the employee. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ESTABLISHING TRIBAL EMPLOYEE ADVOCACY POSITION (CLOSED SESSION): Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion to establish a Tribal Employee Advocacy Position (with a Job Description to be developed) within the Personnel Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-50}

EMERGENCY HIRES (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

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

APPROVING PURCHASE OF PIVOT EQUIPMENT FOR THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT FARM AND RANCH PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#199-2024} to approve a purchase of pivot equipment for the Blackfeet Water Department Farm and Ranch Program. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

PURCHASE OF FARMING EQUIPMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the purchase of a tractor, swather and bailer. No action, another bid will need to be acquired.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO PRODUCE THE KING, WOLDSTAD AND MCALLISTER PROPERTIES FOR 2024 ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Contract to produce the King, Woldstad and McAllister properties for 2024 on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

VOTE FOR APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO PRODUCE THE KING, WOLDSTAD AND MCALLISTER PROPERTIES FOR 2024 ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall stated for the record she would like to change her vote on the approval of the Sole Source Contract with DeRoche Farms to produce the King, Woldstad and McAllister Properties for 2024 on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe to **OPPOSED**.

The vote shall now reflect six (6) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED. (6-1) (7)

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 3:12 P.M. (6)*****

POLITE “HOSS” PEPION (CLOSED SESSION): Polite “Hoss” Pepion was present at the meeting to discuss issues with the BTBC.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 3:32 P.M. (5)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 3:39 P.M. (6)*****

POLITE “HOSS” PEPION (CON’T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion, no action.

*****Thomas entered the meeting at 3:45 P.M. (7)*****

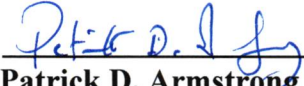
THPO/BUDGET AMENDMENT (CLOSED SESSION): John Murray, Tribal Historic Preservation Office Director, was present at the meeting to discuss a Budget Amendment request. No action.

TRIBAL AMBASSADORS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Virgil Last Star made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 4:17 P.M.

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APPROVED:



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GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 18, 2024
9:45 A.M.**

Chairman Iloff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Acting Secretary Robert DesRosier called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Virgil Last Star

Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

Shelly Hall
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

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 a point of contact during emergencies for the Tribe, border crossings, dog problems and the detention center.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Charlie DeRoche, Bill Spotted Eagle and Bruce Schildt, Honorary Men's Council members were present at the meeting to discuss Tribal Employment Preference, elderly wood and who to contact for Tribal resources.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 11:20 A.M. (7)*****

TRIBAL HEALTH: Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, was present at the meeting to discuss the Walking Shield Project for July 2024.

APPOINTING ACTING SECRETARY: Shelly Hall made a motion to appoint Robert DesRosier as Acting Secretary for the meeting. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

AMENDING EXCERPT NO. E2024-33 ‘APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2024 ELECTION BOARD TO EXTEND ADVERTISEMENT: Everett Armstrong made a motion to Amend Excerpt No. E2024-33 ‘Approving Advertisement of the 2024 Tribal Election Board’ to extend the Advertisement an additional two weeks: January 22, 2024 to February 2, 2024. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-51}

BTBC MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the December 7, 2023 General Session Minutes and the December 20, 2023 Special Session Minutes.

Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING 12-19-23 LAND BOARD MINUTES: Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-61}

DIRECTING SOLID WASTE TO REMAIN OPEN ON DECEMBER 26-27 ANNUALLY TO OFFER SERVICES: Shelly Hall made a motion to direct Solid Waste to remain open on December 26-27 annually to offer services to the Public. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-52}

GRANT WRITING UPDATE: Debbie White Grass and Dorothy Still Smoking were present at the meeting to update the BTBC on the Grant Writing services.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR VETERAN’S WALL TILES AND MONUMENT: Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 for the granite tiles to be placed on the Veteran’s Wall in Great Falls, MT; and, to approve \$1,000.00 for the “Agent Orange” Monument, in the total amount of \$6,000.00 to Albert “Harry” Salway. Further, the funds are to be determined by the Treasurer. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-59}

APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS FOR GRANT WRITING CENTER ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve the establishment of the process for a Grant Writing Center on the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

FIRE MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL: Discussion regarding the Fire Mountain Music Festival to take place in July of 2025. No action, further discussions will be held.

TRIBAL AMBASSADORS: Robert and Darnell Ridesatthedor, Tribal Ambassadors, were present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 1:46 P.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 1:48 P.M. (8)*****

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Gerald Cobell, Fish and Wildlife Director, was present at the meeting.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 1:59 P.M. (9)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#224-2024}

APPROVING QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTED BY THE BTBC (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve the following Qualifications for all Boards, Committees and Commissions appointed by the BTBC:

- a. Background Check clearance
- b. Negative drug test

Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

{This action was revisited January 31, 2024.}

APPROVING PROVISIONAL BUSINESS LICENSE FOR POLITE PEPION SR. (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve a Provisional Business License (if applied for) for Polite Pepion Sr. for the 2024 Calendar Year. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2024-53}

APPROVING NEGOTIATIONS FOR PAYMENT PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-54}

APPROVING FUNDS UNDER FISH AND WILDLIFE GRANT FOR STIPEND REIMBURSEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to approve a \$3,000.00 stipend reimbursement from Grant funds under the Fish and Wildlife Department. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

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

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): A Confidential Personnel action was taken.

REQUESTING A MEETING WITH THE FISH AND WILDLIFE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the BTBC to submit a letter requesting a meeting with the Fish and Wildlife Regional Director. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:08 P.M. (9)*****

Motion carried with a vote of eight (8) FOR; one (1) ABSTAIN, Everett Armstrong. (8-0-1)
(9) Excerpt {#E2024-62}

LAND PURCHASE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a land purchase.

CONFIDENTIAL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-55}

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 3:44 P.M. (8)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:48 P.M. (7)*****

LAND PURCHASES (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion regarding land purchases.

CONFIDENTIAL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-56A}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 4:16 P.M. (6)*****

TIBER DAM (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 4:23 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING RELEASE OF STATEMENT FROM THE BTBC REGARDING LAND PURCHASES (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to release the Statement from the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council date January 18, 2024 regarding Land Purchases to the public. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously.
(7) Excerpt {#E2024-57}

BTBC SCHEDULE: Discussion regarding the BTBC Schedule.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 5:00 P.M. (7)

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**MINUTES OF THE
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GENERAL SESSION
RECONVENED
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 19, 2024
11:43 A.M.**

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

Lauren Monroe Jr.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.	Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Shelly Hall	Virgil Last Star	Robert DesRosier
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Everett Armstrong	

APPROVING FY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TRIBAL PROGRAMS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve FY 2024 Budget Amendments as follows:

Revenue Department	\$312,000.00
Honorary Men's Council	\$26,000.00
Maintenance	\$108,000.00
Custodial	\$96,000.00
RAVE Department	\$76,000.00
THPO	\$130,884.00
Land Department	\$374,000.00

Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 11:48 A.M. (9)*****

APPROVING FUNDS FOR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL TRAVEL (CLOSED SESSION):

Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve up to \$12,000.00 with funds to be determined by the Treasurer, for Veterans to attend a Memorial in Arizona. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2024-58}

AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL REGARDING ELIGIBILITY OF TRANSFERS AND STATUS OF VESTED

EMPLOYEES (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#182-2024} to amend the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual regarding eligibility of transfers and status of vested employees. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 11:55 A.M. (8)*****

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 11:56 P.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 11:56 A.M. (6)*****

JAY WELLS/LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Jay Wells was present at the meeting to discuss a land issue. No action.

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 12:17 P.M. (7)*****

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 12: 19 P.M. (8)*****

JAY WELLS PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Jay Wells was present at the meeting to discuss a personnel issue. No action.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 12:40 P.M. (7)*****

*****Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 12:43 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING STEVE CONWAY TO COMPLETE A SURVEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REZONING AREA FOR PROPOSED COMMERCIAL LEASE (CLOSED SESSION):

Lengthy discussion regarding the lease.

Shelly Hall made a motion to approve Steve Conway to complete a Survey for the purpose of rezoning area for proposed Commercial Lease. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE 2024 BLACKFEET HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WORK PLAN (CLOSED SESSION):

Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#183-2024} to approve the 2024 Blackfeet Home Improvement Program Work Plan. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE OPERATION WALKING SHIELD, INNOVATIVE READINESS (IRT) U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS AND U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TO UTILIZE THE BOARDING SCHOOL DORMITORY FACILITIES TO PROVIDE VARIOUS HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC (CLOSED SESSION): Lauren Monroe Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#177-2024} to request the Bureau of Education to authorize Operation Walking Shield IRT U.S. Service Members and U.S. Public Health Service to utilize the Boarding School Dormitory Facilities to provide various health services to the public. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 2:25 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING BUY-SELL AGREEMENT FOR KIOWA PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve the Buy-Sell Agreement for the Kiowa Property. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 2:38 (8)*****

APPROVING APPRAISAL COSTS FOR JUDISCH RANCH PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve up to \$10,000.00 for the appraisal of the Judisch Ranch property. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jar left the meeting at 2:43 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING SERVICE ORDER NO. 3 WITH SLETTEN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve Service Order No. 3 with Sletten Construction for the Wellness Center. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING LOAN DOCUMENTS (COMMITMENT NO. 5) FOR REPAIRS TO THE GLACIER PEAKS HOTEL AND LAND PURCHASES (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve Loan Documents (Commitment No. 5) for repairs to the Glacier Peaks Hotel and Land Purchases. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

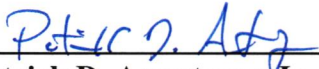
{This action was revisited on January 31, 2024.}

*****Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 3:09 P.M. (6)*****

ADJOURNMENT: Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

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APPROVED:



Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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Robert J. DesRosier
Everett Armstrong
Marvin Weatherwax, Jr.
Virgil Last Star

**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 31, 2024
9:26 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 six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Virgil Last Star

Robert DesRosier
Shelly Hall

INVOCATION: Iloff Kipp Sr. 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 Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING FUNDS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 from the Building and General budget for the Valentine's Day event to take place at the Glacier Peaks Casino Bingo Hall. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-63}

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 9:55 A.M. (5)*****

SIYEH COMMUNICATIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Brian DeMarco, SiyCom, General Manager; and Jodi Carlson, SiyCom; and Jeff Skunkcap, Tribal I.T. Department Director, were present at the meeting to discuss phone system services and billing issues.

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 10:23 A.M. (6)*****

NURTURING CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Carl McLean, Nurturing Center Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the Feather Women Lodge. No action, further discussion will be held.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:08 A.M. (5)*****

MANPOWER (CLOSED SESSION): George Kipp, ManPower Director; and Agnes Blackweasel, ManPower Deputy Director, were present at the meeting to discuss the Fire Mountain Music Festival, the Skijoring event and the Family Transitional Living Center.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 11:33 A.M. (6)*****

LEGAL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Legal Department Managing Attorney, was present to discuss injection wells. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#200-2024}

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CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#225-2024}

HIP (CLOSED SESSION): Harley DeCarlo and Marcella Bird Rattler, Blackfeet Home Improvement program were present at the meeting to discuss emergency elderly/handicap home repairs and furnaces. No action.

APPROVING LOAN DOCUMENTS (COMMITMENT NO. 5) FOR REPAIRS TO THE GLACIER PEAKS HOTEL AND LAND PURCHASES (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution Title.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#202-2024} to approve Loan Documents (Commitment No. 5) for repairs to the Glacier Peaks Hotel and Land Purchases. Second by Virgil Last Star.

Discussion regarding the Glacier Peaks Hotel Insurance.

Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 1:34 P.M. (5)*****

FINANCIAL REQUEST STUDENT WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP (CLOSED SESSION):
Discussion. No action.

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 1:43 P.M. (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 1:43 P.M. (5)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 1:51 P.M. (6)*****

ACCEPTING FUNDS UNDER A P.L. 93-638 GRANT/CONTRACT FOR THE BLACKFEET RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#205-2024} to accept funds under a P.L. 93-638 Grant/Contract for the Blackfeet Records Management Project. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ACCEPTING FUNDS UNDER A P.L. 93-638 GRANT/CONTRACT FOR THE ST. MARY'S LAKE LOT SURVEY (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#206-2024} to accept funds under a P.L. 93-638 Grant/Contract for St. Mary's Lake Lot Survey. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

NURTURING CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

FARM AND RANCH PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND THE BLACKFEET NATION FOR THE BUFFALO GUARDIANS PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#207-2024} to approve a Grant Agreement between the Nature Conservancy and the Blackfeet Nation for the Buffalo Guardians Project. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL ADOPTING UPDATED WAGE SCALE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#208-2024} to approve amendment to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual adopting the updated Tribal Wage Scale. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING AMENMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL REGARDING ESSENTIAL TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES AND HOLIDAY PAY (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#209-2024} to approve amendment to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual regarding essential temporary employees and holiday pay. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 288-2007A AND APPROVING QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTED BY THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL TO BE ADDED INTO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#210-2024} to repeal Resolution No. 288-2007A and to approve the following Qualifications for all Boards, Committees and Commissions appointed by the BTBC:

- a. Must not have delinquent debt owed to the Blackfeet Tribe
- b. Background Check clearance
- c. Negative Drug Test and be subject to the Blackfeet Tribe's Drug and Alcohol free workplace policies throughout employment
- d. No Felony for the last three (3) years prior to application and good standing with probation or parole
- e. All other qualifications required by that particular board, committee or commission shall also be required

Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING ISSUE OF THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT POLICIES MANUALS (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve issue of the updated Finance and Personnel Policy Manuals. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

PERSONNEL ISSUE/ELAINE CALFBOSSRIBS (CLOSED SESSION): Elaine Calfbossribs was present at the meeting to request BTBC action regarding a personnel issue.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#211-2024}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 2:43 P.M. (7)*****

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 2:45 P.M. (6)*****

HEART BUTTE SENIOR CLASS (CLOSED SESSION): The Heart Butte Senior Class was present at the meeting to request financial assistance for the 2024 Senior Class Trip.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR 2024 HEART BUTTE SENIOR TRIP (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve funds in the amount of \$13,500.00 with \$6,750.00 to be taken from the Buildings and General budget; and, \$6,750.00 to be taken from Tribal Health. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-1) (6)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 721-2023 TO APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE WITH MOUNTAIN POWER PRODUCTS FOR TWO UTV'S, TRAILER AND TRACKS FOR THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS (CLOSED SESSION):

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to amend Resolution No. 721-2023 to approve the Sole Source Purchase with Mountain Power Products for two UTV's, trailer and tracks for the Chief Mountain Hot Shots. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 177-2024, REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE OPERATION WALKING SHIELD, INNOVATIVE READINESS (IRT) U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS AND US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TO UTILIZE THE BOARDING SCHOOL DORMITORY FACILITIES TO PROVIDE VARIOUS HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#177-2024A} to amend Resolution No. 177-2024, requesting the Bureau of Indian Education to authorize Operation Walking Shield, Innovative Readiness U.S. Service Members and US Public Health service to utilize the Boarding School Dormitory Facilities July 9, 2024 to July 31, 2024 to provide various health services to the public. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONCLUDING RESOLUTIONS #587-2022 & #255-2023 REGARDING TRIBAL AMBASSADORS DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution to conclude Resolutions #587-2022 & #255-2023 regarding Tribal Ambassadors due to lack of funds. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

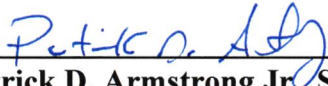
APPROVING ALTA CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY AND PROPOSED RELEASE AREAS EXHIBIT FOR BOARDING SCHOOL AREA TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR BIA DETENTION STAFF QUARTERS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve ALTA Certificate of Survey and proposed release areas exhibit for Boarding School area to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for BIA Detention Staff quarters. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 3:12 P.M. (5)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 3:15 P.M. (5)

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APPROVED:



Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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