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## BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 14, 2024 GENERAL SESSION

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| <b>1. February 1, 2024</b>  | <b>Special Session</b>                 |
| <b>2. February 8, 2024</b>  | <b>General Session</b>                 |
| <b>3. February 12, 2024</b> | <b>Special Session</b>                 |
| <b>4. February 21, 2024</b> | <b>Special Session</b>                 |
| <b>5. February 22, 2024</b> | <b>Special Session (Informational)</b> |
| <b>6. February 27, 2024</b> | <b>Special Session</b>                 |
| <b>7. February 28, 2024</b> | <b>Special Session</b>                 |



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**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 1, 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 seven (7) members:**

**Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Shelly Hall  
Everett Armstrong**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Robert DesRosier**

**INVOCATION: Thomas Rutherford Jr. gave the prayer.**

**APPROVING MOU WITH OPI AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CLASS 7 LICENSE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND CULTURAL SPECIALISTS AT BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CURRENT SHARED GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#213-2024} to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Public Instruction and Approval Process for Class 7 License for American Indian and Cultural Specialists at Blackfeet Early Childhood Center to be incorporated into the current Shared Governance Agreement. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)**

**CULTURAL COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Cultural Committee. No action.**

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 9:45 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**AMENDING RESOLUTION APPROVING HOMESITE LEASE WITH WESLEY CRAWFORD FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PROVISIONAL TERM, CONTINGENT ON REPAYMENT COSTS IN MOVING PERSONAL PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION):**

Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#221-2024} to amend the Resolution approving Homesite Lease for Wesley Crawford for a one (1) year provisional term, contingent on repayment costs in moving personal property. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 9:48 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 9:51 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

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

Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#222-2024} to approve Steve Conway to complete a Survey for the purpose of rezoning area for a proposed Commercial Lease. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Everett Armstrong. (5-1) (6)

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 9:54 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 9:57 A.M. (8)\*\*\***

**APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LEGAL DEPARTMENT FY 2024**

**(CLOSED SESSION):** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve a FY 2024 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$40,000.00 for Special Counsel fees to be taken from the Buildings and General Budget for the Legal Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**CONFIDENTIAL/AMENDING ATTORNEY CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION):**

Resolution {#237-2024}

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 10:10 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Shelly Hall left the meeting at 10:14 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY (CLOSED SESSION):** Jack Royal and Kirby Smith, Blackfoot Confederacy, were present at the meeting to discuss repatriations, enhanced Tribal ID, Border crossings, a Justice Conference, job postings and draft Articles of Incorporation.

**GAMING COMMISSION:** Laura Jo Kipp and Mina Kipp, Gaming Commission Members, were present at the meeting to discuss issues with the Assessment of the Glacier Peaks Casino.



**APPROVING GAMING ASSESSMENT TEAM TO ENTER GLACIER PEAKS CASINO TO CONDUCT GAMING ASSESSMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#228-2024} to approve the Gaming Assessment Team to enter Glacier Peaks Casino to conduct a Gaming Assessment. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**\*\*\*Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 11:57 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 11:58 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**DECLARING CHALK BUTTE ROAD AS A HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#229-2024} to declare Chalk Butte Road as a Health and Safety issue. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting a Adjourned at 12:04 P.M.

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APPROVED:

  
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Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary  
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**MINUTES OF THE  
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GENERAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
9:15 A.M.**

**Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:**

**Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Robert DesRosier**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Shelly Hall**

**Virgil Last Star  
Everett Armstrong**

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

**AGENDA: Iliff Kipp Sr. stated program/departments Directors are present at the meeting to address any issues from the public.**

Items were added to the Agenda.

**\*\*\*Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 9:30 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS: Greg Upham, Interim Heart Butte Schools Superintendent, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC and public.**

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 9:50 A.M. (8)\*\*\***

**APPROVING MOU WITH HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS DISTRICT #1 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY CRYSTAL CREEK LODGE TREATMENT CENTER:** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#230-2024} to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Heart Butte Schools District #1 for services provided by Crystal Creek Lodge Treatment Center. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**WATER COMPACT AMENDMENT UPDATES:** Marvin Weatherwax Jr. provided an update for the proposed updates to the Water Compact Funding for wastewater and sewer infrastructure. Further information will be provided.

**APPROVING 1-30-24 LAND BOARD MINUTES:** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the January 30, 2024 Land Board Minutes, as presented. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-66}

**BTBC MINUTES:** Presented to the BTBC were the January 8, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the January 17, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the January 18, 2024 General Session Minutes; the January 19, 2024 General Session (Reconvened) Minutes; and the January 31, 2024 Special Session Minutes.

**Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (8)**

**HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL:** Wilma Manywhitehorses, Annie Vielle and Violet Provic, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss elderly and youth, Law & Order, employee incentives, garbage cans and the Honorary Men's and Women's Council/BTBC Monthly meeting.

**HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL:** Richard "Dick" Bird, Steve Fenner, Bill Spotted Eagle and Charles DeRoche, Honorary Men's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss the wood program and the monthly Honorary Council/BTBC meeting.

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 10:49 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:** Harley deCarlo and Marcella Bird Rattler, Home Improvement Program Employees, were present at the meeting to discuss the emergency elderly/handicap home repair list. No action.

**BNIRB:** Skye Gilham, Laura Upham, Cinnamon Salway and Leona Skunkcap, Blackfeet Nation Institutional Review Board Members, were present at the meeting to request start up funding for the BNIRB and a hire of a Coordinator.

**BNIRB (CONTINUED): It was the Consensus of the BTBC to Table the request until after the next Finance Committee Meeting.**

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 11:37 A.M. (8)\*\*\***

**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT:** Everett Armstrong inquired about the increased Transit Rates.

Warren Blackman, Transit Program Director, stated an increase of \$3.00 a person has been implemented January 1, 2024. The public was informed of the increase and the rate seems reasonable.

Further discussion. No action.

**RECESS: The meeting recessed at 11:55 A.M. (8)**

**RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 12:13 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.  
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.**

**Robert DesRosier  
Shelly Hall**

**HONORING/KESLER HARWOOD:** Kesler Harwood, Jr. World Saddle Bronc Champion, was honored and gifts were presented.

**HONORING/DON WHITE:** Don White was honored for his years of service to the Blackfeet Tribe and gifts were presented.

**HONORING GRAIG & MONTI GILHAM:** Graig and Monti Gilham were honored for services provided to the Blackfeet Nurturing Center and gifts were presented.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 1:01 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**HONORING/BHS AGRICULTURE STUDENTS:** Browning High School Agriculture Students were honored and gifts were presented.

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 1:07 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Paulette Butterfly, Acting Planning Director, was present at the meeting to discuss grant applications and the Solid Waste transfer station.

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 1:18 P.M. (8)\*\*\***



**\*\*\*Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 1:20 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**APPROVING THE BLACKFEET PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND BLACKFEET NURTURING CENTER TO SUBMIT POPULATION CERTIFICATE FORM AND SIGNAL INTENT TO APPLY FOR TVSSA GRANT (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Title.

**Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Planning Department and Blackfeet Nurturing Center to submit Population Certificate Form and signal Intent to apply for TVSSA Grant. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)**

{This action was revisited February 21, 2024.}

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

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#244-2024}

**NEW HIRE TRACKING SHEET (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a motion to approve a new hire Tracking Sheet for employees.

Discussion.

**Shelly Hall WITHDREW her motion.**

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

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:13 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 4:13 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**CLYDE HOMEGUN/LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION):** Clyde Homegun and Shawn Christaens, Dye, Judge and Tavery Real Estate Owner, were present at the meeting to discuss Clyde Homegun's property.

**The item was directed to the Land Board.**

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 4:38 P.M. (7)\*\***

**CONFIDENTIAL LAND ACTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Land Actions were taken.**

**APPOINTING THE 2024 TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the 2024 Tribal Election Board:**

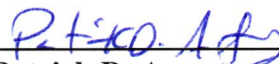
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| Cynthia Salway      | Browning              |
| Gabriel Grant       | Browning              |
| Karen Davis         | Heart Butte           |
| Gerald Whiteman Sr. | Seville               |
| Steve Fenner        | Browning (Old Agency) |

Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-65}

**ADJOURNMENT: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:00 P.M.**

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SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
2:15 P.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.  
Virgil Last Star  
Everett Armstrong**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Robert DesRosier**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.**

**INVOCATION: John Murray gave the prayer.**

**WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)**

**ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MT HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM #MT-MHPG-CG-25-043 FOR BUFFALO BULL LODGE (CEREMONY/CULTURAL CENTER) (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#233-2024} to accept funds from Montana Department of Commerce, MT Historic Preservation Grant Program for Buffalo Bull Lodge. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)**

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 2:35 P.M. (6)\*\*\***




**EXTENDING SUPPORT OF THE TREE CITY WORLD DESIGNATION ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION (2023-2025) (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#232-2024} to extend support of the Tree City Designation on the Blackfeet Reservation (2023-2025). Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously (6)

**APPROVING TASK ORDER #2311-01191-04 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DESIGN OF THE 26 MILES OF ROADWAY ON BIA ROUTE 1; AND, #2311-01185 #4 FOR THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF THE TRIBAL DOT BUILDING, BETWEEN THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND KLJ ENGINEERING, LLC UNDER THE IDIQ AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#235-2024} to approve Task Order #2311-01191-04 for the development of the Preliminary and Final Design of the 26 miles of roadway on BIA Route 1; and, #2311-01185 #4 for the Preliminary Design of the Tribal DOT Building between the Tribal Transportation and KLJ Engineering, LLC under the IDIQ Agreement. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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FEBRUARY 21, 2024  
9:40 A.M.**

**Chairman Iliff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:**

**Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Robert DesRosier**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Shelly Hall**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Virgil Last Star**

**INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.**

**\*\*\*Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 9:43 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**AGENDA: Items were added to the Agenda.**

**DE LA SALLE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS: De La Salle 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents were present at the meeting to request financial assistance with the 2024 De La Salle 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student trip to Chicago.**

**It was the consensus of the BTBC that the request be addressed in the next Finance Committee meeting.**

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:03 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET TRANSIT PROGRAM TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF MONTANA ENTITLED "TRANSIT 5311 OPERATING GRANT" FY 2025:** Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#245-2024} to authorize the Blackfeet Transit Program to apply for a Grant through the State of Montana entitled "Transit 5311 Operating Grant" Fiscal Year 2025. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT/KLJ:** Steve Pollock, Eileen Henderson, Transportation Department Employees and KLJ Engineering Representatives were present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:32 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

**BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Dana Bremner, June Matt and Tammy Hall-Raegan, Browning Public School Employees, were present at the meeting to discuss a four day school week.

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 11:35 A.M. (6)\*\*\***

**BPS (CON'T):** Further discussions will be held. No action.

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed at 11:47 A.M. (6)

**RECONVENE:** The meeting reconvened at 1:25 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

**Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Virgil Last Star**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Robert DesRosier**

**Shelly Hall  
Everett Armstrong**

**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Craig Iron Pipe, Agriculture Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

**MERLE CONNELLY & FAMILY/LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION):** Merle Connelly and Family were present at the meeting to discuss a land issue.

**The issue was directed to the Land Board.**

**GAMING COMMISSION (CLOSED SESSION):** Gaming Commission Members were present at the meeting to discuss the Assessment of Glacier Peaks Casino.

**The item will be addressed in a meeting with Siyeh Corporation. No action.**



**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** a Personnel Action was taken.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 3:30 P.M. (5)\*\*\***

**SELF INSURANCE (CLOSED SESSION):** Donna Wilson and Cori Blue, Self Insurance Employees, were present at the meeting to discuss Signatory Authority for the Program.

The issue will be addressed with the Treasurer.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 3:53 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE BIA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LIVESTOCK INSPECTION STATIONS AND LIVESTOCK INSPECTORS FOR THE 2024 GRAZING SEASON (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to request funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Implementation of Livestock Inspection Stations and Live Stock Inspectors for the 2024 Grazing Season. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRASH COMPACTORS FOR THE SOLID WASTE PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the purchase of two (2) Trash Compactors for the Solid Waste Program, per recommendation of the Treasurer. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO APPLY FOR A \$10,000.00 GRANT FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#246-2024} to authorize the Blackfeet Community College to apply for a \$10,000.00 Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Medicine Spring Library. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING THE BLACKFEET PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND BLACKFEET NURTURING CENTER TO SUBMIT POPULATION CERTIFICATE FORM AND SIGNAL INTENT TO APPLY FOR TVSSA GRANT (CLOSED SESSION):** Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#241-2024} to approve the Blackfeet Planning Department and Blackfeet Nurturing Center to submit Population Certificate Form and signal Intent to apply for TVSSA Grant. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 OIED/AIANTA NATIVE ACT CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE BLACKFEET TOURISM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION):**

Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#247-2024} to authorize the Blackfeet Planning Department to apply for the Fiscal Year 2024 OIED/AIANTA NATIVE Act Capacity Building Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Blackfeet Tourism Enhancement Project. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION GRANT, FOA-ETA-24-36, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR BLACKFEET TRIBE YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):**

Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#248-2024} to authorize the Blackfeet Planning Department to apply for an Employment and Training Administration Grant, FOA -ETA-24-36, from the U.S. Department of Labor for the Blackfeet Tribe YouthBuild Program. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#240-2024}

**NAID BUDGET (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion regarding a request for the 2024 North American Indian Days budget.

The request will be discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting.

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#249-2024}

**AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS CHAPTER 6 FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (2018) UPDATING CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):**

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#250-2024} to amend the Plan of Operations Chapter 6 Finance and Procurement Policies and Procedures (2018) updating Chain of Command for the Finance Department. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING BUDGET FOR STAGELINE PIZZA UNDER BLACKFEET HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISES FOR SY 2024 (CLOSED SESSION):**

Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#251-2024} to approve a budget for Stageline Pizza under Blackfeet Hospitality Enterprises in the amount of \$50,000.00 with funds from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) ABSTAIN, Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-0-1) (6)



**CONFIDENTIAL LAND ACTION (CLOSED SESSION):** A Confidential Land Action was taken.

**APPROVING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PRGRAMS, UNDER A SECTION 184 TRIBAL TRUST SALES CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION):**

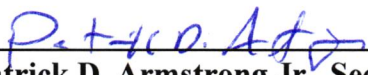
Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#253-2024} to approve purchase of property from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Programs, under a Section 184 Tribal Trust Sales Contract. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) ABSTAIN, Shelly Hall. (5-0-1) (6)

**CONFIDENTIAL LAND ACTIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** Confidential Land Actions were taken.

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed at 6:00 P.M. (6)

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FEBRUARY 22, 2024  
9:20 A.M.**

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

**Iliff Kipp Sr.  
Shelly Hall**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Virgil Last Star**

**Everett Armstrong  
Robert DesRosier**

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

**GAMING COMMISSION/SIYEH BOARD (CLOSED SESSION): Laura Jo Kipp, Dustin Pepion, Gaming Commission Members; Mina Kipp, Gaming Administrator; Lisa Vandenbos, Siyeh CFO; and, Kwebb Galbreath, Jonnalea Tatsey, Theodore Hall, Siyeh Board Members, were present at the meeting.**


**Discussion regarding reporting of financial documents for the Assessment of Glacier Peaks Casino and the Siyeh CEO contract.**

**No action.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 10:26 A.M.**

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**APPROVED:**

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



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Lionel Kennerly, Sr. - Treasurer

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Everett K. Armstrong  
Marvin Weatherwax, Jr.  
Robert DesRosier

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 27, 2024  
11:46 A.M.**

Patrick Armstrong Jr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

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

**INVOCATION:** Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

**CHAIRMAN (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion regarding the Chairman's signatures.

**WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPOINTING ROBERT DESROSIER AS ACTING VICE-CHAIRMAN (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#242-2024} to appoint Robert DesRosier as Acting Vice-Chairman to complete all Signatory Authority for all financial institutions with the Blackfeet Tribe; and, authority for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**LEGAL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion regarding legal issues. No action.



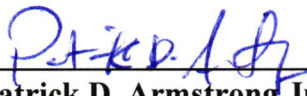
**APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE (CLOSED SESSSION):** Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#255-2024} to approve the Establishment of Public Relations Officer for the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**DIRECTIVE TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION):** a Directive was issued to Internal Affairs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 1:27 P.M.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
FEBRUARY 28, 2024  
3:16 P.M.**

Acting Vice-Chairman Robert DesRosier called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Robert DesRosier  
Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

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

**INVOCATION:** Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

**CLARIFYING FY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 195-2024 (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#257-2024} to clarify Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment for Tribal Historic Preservation Office under Resolution No. 195-2024. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING WRITE OFF OF GAS RECEIPTS REPORTING AND; CLARIFYING TRIP REPORTING POLICY IN THE FINANCE POLICIES (CLOSED SESSION):** Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution to approve Write Off of gas receipts reporting and; clarifying Trip Reporting Policy in the Finance Policies. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING FY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by separate Resolutions to approve the following Budgets and Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2024 from the Buildings and General Budget:

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Blackfeet Court of Appeals | \$150,000.00 |
| Personnel Department       | \$55,000.00  |
| Sergeant of Arms           | \$55,000.00  |
| Lilly Gladstone Day        | \$20,000.00  |
| Motor Pool                 | \$25,000.00  |
| Skijoring                  | \$15,000.00  |
| NAID                       | \$270,000.00 |
| Special Projects           | \$140,000.00 |

Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING FY 2024 BUDGET FOR THE BLACKFEET DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#258-2024} to approve a FY 2024 Budget for the Blackfeet Department of Agriculture. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**FACILITIES (CLOSED SESSION):** Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss the damage at the Eagle Shields Center.

**APPROVING SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM TO REPAIR THE EAGLE SHIELDS BUILDING (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the Special Projects Program to repair the Eagle Shields Building, per recommendation of the Treasurer. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)


**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#267-2024}



**ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 4:11 P.M.**

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**APPROVED:**

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