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## BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 4, 2024 GENERAL SESSION

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| <b>1. March 1, 2024</b>  | <b>Special Session</b> |
| <b>2. March 14, 2024</b> | <b>General Session</b> |
| <b>3. March 25, 2024</b> | <b>Special Session</b> |
| <b>4. March 27, 2024</b> | <b>Special Session</b> |



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Robert DesRosier

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MARCH 1, 2024  
1:00 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	Patrick Armstrong Jr.	Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Shelly Hall	Everett Armstrong

**INVOCATION:** Thomas Rutherford Jr. 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 Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

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

**APPROVING FUNDING REQUEST TO THE BIA FOR FY 2024 ATTORNEY FEES FOR WATER COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION AND ADJUDICATION MATTERS (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#263-2024} to approve a Funding Request to the BIA for Fiscal Year 2024 Attorney Fees for Water Compact Implementation and Adjudication Matters. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

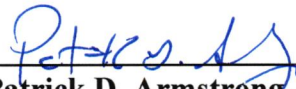
**APPROVING MOU BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DISTRICT OF MONTANA FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL AUSA FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES, AWARD #15JOVW-23-GG-0433-TRIB (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#264-2024} to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Blackfeet Tribe and the United States Attorney's Office, District of Montana for the appointment of Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for domestic violence cases, Award #15JOVW-23-GG-0433-TRIB. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**APPROVING ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOLLAND AND KNIGHT FOR TAX ADVISORY SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#265-2024} to approve an Engagement Agreement with Holland and Knight for Tax Advisory Services. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting at Adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

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APPROVED:

  
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**MINUTES OF THE  
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GENERAL SESSION  
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MARCH 14, 2024  
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 six (6) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Robert DesRosier

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Virgil Last Star

Everett Armstrong

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

**\*\*\*Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 9:29 A.M. (7)\*\*\***

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

**BTBC MINUTES:** Presented to the BTBC were the February 1, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the February 8, 2024 General Session Minutes; the February 12, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the February 21, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the February 22, 2024 Informational Special Session Minutes; the February 27, 2024 Special Session Minutes; and the February 28, 2024 Special Session Minutes. **Robert DesRosier made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented.**

Iloff Scott Kipp Sr. reads the Coversheet.

**Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)**

**BTBC UPDATES:** Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated seating arrangements for Lily Gladstone Day will need to be completed.

Alvin Weaselchild will be present to discuss a Blackfeet Language Camp.

Everett Armstrong stated the Alcohol Ordinance Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024 6:00 P.M. at the Stick Game Arbor.

There will be a movie showed at the Stick Game Arbor on March 18, 2024.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer, stated the BTBC has received an ARPA report. \$64 million of the \$100 million has been expended: with 40% spent on PerCapita/COVID-19 payments, 5% to building repairs, 29% to new construction, 6% to community health projects, 3% to new tribal equipment and 16% for Tribal Programs. There is \$36 million remaining in investments.

There has been \$8.4 million collected in the General Fund and expenses are approximately \$7.5 million. Approximately \$2,000,050.00 has been approved for budget amendments.

Meetings have been held with the Procurement and Finance Departments to improve processing of payments.

**HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL:** Wilma Manywhitehorses; and Violet Provic, Honorary Women's Council Members were present at the meeting to discuss a possible speed limit sign on the road by the New Eagle Shields, old buildings, dog issues and the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm.

**HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL:** Bill Spotted Eagle; Richard "Dick" Bird; Steve Fenner; Kenny Oscar; Charles DeRoche, Honorary Men's Council Members, and George Kipp were present at the meeting to discuss the Charter for Honorary Council and the Blackfeet Boarding Dorm name.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Director and three Bureau of Reclamation Representatives were present at the meeting to present the BOR P.L. 93-638 Contract for implementation of projects for the Chairman's Signature.

**Iloff Kipp Sr. signs the Contract.**

Patrick Armstrong Jr. and Everett Armstrong sang an honor song.

**\*\*\*Lauren Monroe Jr. entered the meeting at 10:52 A.M. (8)\*\*\***

**ALEXANDRIA OLD CHIEF/WAY OF LIFE SOBRIETY:** Alexandria Old Chief was present at the meeting to request a building for the Way of Life Sobriety and financial assistance. No action, further discussion will be held.

**SIYEH CORPORATION:** Mark Magee, Siyeh Corp, was present at the meeting to request BTBC action regarding the Heart Butte Convenience Store.

**AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF UTILITY SERVICES FOR THE HEART BUTTE STORE:** Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution {#274-2024} to authorize the construction and installation of utility services for the Heart Butte Store. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**JUNCTION DRIVE IN LEASE/TOM MCKAY:** Tom McKay, Mark Magee and William Old Chief Jr., Land Department Director, were present at the meeting to discuss issues with the Lease of parcel 1.

**APPROVING 25-YEAR COMMERCIAL LEASE OF PARCEL 1 WITH TOM MCKAY FOR JUNCTION DRIVE-INN:** Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve a 25-year Commercial Lease of Parcel 1 with Tom McKay for the Junction Drive-Inn at the rate of \$1,000.00 a year with a 5-year review. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Shelly Hall AMENDED her motion to identify the Land Description and include it in the Resolution. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed at 12:00 P.M. (8)

**RECONVENE:** The meeting reconvened at 12:45 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of eight (8) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.  
Robert DesRosier  
Shelly Hall

Lauren Monroe Jr.  
Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.  
Virgil Last Star

**HONORING/MAE LITTLE PLUME:** Mae Little Plume was honored for 42 years as an employee of the Blackfeet Tribe and gifts were presented.

**REVENUE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Lydia Spotted Eagle, Revenue Department Director; and Donelle DeRoche, Compliance Clerk, were present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 1:35 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #111 “REGULATION AND PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF CERTAIN ENERGY DRINKS AND CONSUMABLE ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#277-2024} to approve the First Amendment to Ordinance #111 “Regulation and Prohibition of the Sale of Certain Energy Drink and Consumable Items”. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #119 “REGULATION AND PROHIBITION OF SALE OF E-CIGARETTES/VAPING DEVICES OF ANY KIND” (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {278-2024} to approve the First Amendment to Ordinance #119 “Regulation and Prohibition of Sale of E-Cigarettes/Vaping Devices of Any Kind”. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

**\*\*\*Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 1:49 P.M. (8)\*\*\***

**ADOPTING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to adopt the Residential and Commercial Electrical Permit fees, per recommendation of the Revenue Department. Second by Lauren Monroe Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**APPROVING GENERAL CONTRACTOR/CONSTRUCTION MANAGER CONTRACT WITH THE SLETTEN COMPANIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WELLNESS CENTER (CLOSED SESSION):** Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#279-2024} to approve the General Contractor/Construction Manager Contract with Sletten Companies for the construction of the Wellness Center.

Dawn Gray stated the Tribe appropriated \$30 million from the ARPA funding for the project. The project has a guaranteed maximum price of \$50 million.

Discussion regarding the remainder of the funding appropriations.

**Motion carried with a vote of seven (7) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (7-1) (8)**

Shelly Hall stated for the record her opposition is due to the issue of the remaining funds needed for the project.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION):** Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer; and Melissa Augare, Deputy Treasurer, were present at the meeting to discuss items for BTBC action.

**PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion.

**CLARIFYING TRIP REPORT POLICY IN THE FINANCE POLICIES (CLOSED SESSION):** Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution {#275-2024} to clarify the Trip Report Policy in the Finance Policies in regards to lodging and fuel receipts. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#280-2024}

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

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#281-2024}

**APPROVING PAYMENT FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#276-2024} to approve payment for funeral expenses in the amount of \$4,600.00 to be taken from the funeral fund. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**APPROVING FY 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#289-2024} to approve a Fiscal Year 2024 budget amendment for the Land Acquisitions Program in the amount of \$250,000.00. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

**\*\*\*Lauren Monroe Jr. left the meeting at 3:20 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 3:25 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**JOINING AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE FOR THE HEALTH OF MONTANA CHILDREN (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to join an Amicus Brief for the health of Montana Children. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**LAND ISSUE/VICTOR CONNELLY ESTATE (CLOSED SESSION):** The family of Victor Connelly were present at the meeting to discuss a completed Buy-Sell Agreement for the estate.

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:39 P.M. (5)\*\*\***



**LAND ISSUE/VICTOR CONNELLY ESTATE (CON'T):** Robert Crawford, Realtor, stated there will need to be an appraisal completed on the estate property. Terydon Hall, Legal Assistant, stated the Land Acquisitions Ordinance requires an appraisal for all Tribal land purchases.

**\*\*\*Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 3:50 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**LAND ISSUE/VICTOR CONNELLY ESTATE (CON'T.):** Further discussion regarding the status of the lands and the appraisal.

**\*\*\*Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:03 P.M. (7)\*\*\***

**LAND ISSUE/VICTOR CONNELLY ESTATE (CON'T.):** Discussion regarding possible water rights within the estate property.

**\*\*\*Virgil Last Star left the meeting at 4:15 P.M. (6)\*\*\***

**DIRECTING THE LAND DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE MAP OF VICTOR CONNELLY ESTATE PROPERTY (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to direct the Blackfeet Land Department to complete a map of the Victor Connelly Estate property. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-67}

**PERSONNEL/2024 TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD (CLOSED SESSION):** Excerpts {#E2024-68} {#E2024-69} & {#E2024-70}

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

**APPROVING BUREAU OF RECLAMATION P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT (CLOSED SESSION):** Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the Bureau of Reclamation P.L. 93-638 Contract for the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ACCEPTING FUNDING FOR SPLASH PAD (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to accept funding in the amount of \$235,818.20 for the Splash Pad project. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**CUT BANK CREEK FARMS (CLOSED SESSION):** Discussion regarding the Cut Bank Creek Farms. No action.

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

**APPROVING IN-HOUSE ADVERTISEMENT OF LAND ACQUISITIONS**

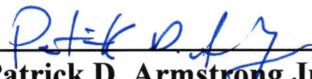
**DEPARTMENT POSITIONS (CLOSED SESSION):** Shelly Hall made a motion to approve an In-House Advertisement of the Land Acquisitions Department Director and the Land Acquisitions Realty Specialist. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-71}

**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** Resolution {#285-2024}

**ADJOURNMENT:** Everett Armstrong made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

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SPECIAL SESSION  
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MARCH 25, 2024  
12:30 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.  
Everett Armstrong

Thomas Rutherford Jr.  
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

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)

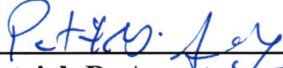
HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#282-2024}

HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#283-2024}

**ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting at Adjourned at 12:48 P.M. (6)**

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MARCH 27, 2024  
11:52 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.	Patrick Armstrong Jr.	Robert DesRosier
Thomas Rutherford Jr.	Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Everett Armstrong

**INVOCATION:** Josh Bird gave the prayer.

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

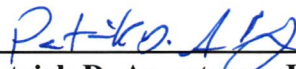
**CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION):** A Confidential Personnel action was taken.

**DESIGNATING POINT OF CONTACT AND NEGOTIATION TEAM FOR THE TITLE IV-E TASK ORDER (2024) (CLOSED SESSION):** Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#287-2024} to designate point of contact and Negotiation Team for the Title IV-E Task Order. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

**ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 12:08 P.M.**

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**APPROVED:**

  
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