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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED MAY 15, 2024 SPECIAL SESSION

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| 1. April 3, 2024 | Special Session |
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Robert DesRosier

MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 3, 2024
9:35 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
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Shelly Hall	Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Bill Spotted Eagle gave the prayer.

AGENDA: Items were added to the Agenda.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 9:41 A.M. (7)

HOUSING/TAX CREDIT ISSUE: Mary Gordon, Blackfeet Housing Director; Housing Board Members and Dawn Whitford, Occupancy Technician, were present at the meeting to discuss various issues regarding tax credit homes.

Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 9:50 A.M. (8)

Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 9:50 A.M. (7)

HOUSING: Further discussion.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:04 A.M. (6)

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 10:05 A.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:09 A.M. (8)*****

HOUSING: Discussion regarding the next Housing Board meeting, animal control, resources for homelessness, boarded up homes, the homes near Eagle Shields and trespass issues.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 10:53 A.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong entered the meeting at 11:00 A.M. (8)*****

HOUSING ISSUE: Discussion regarding unit a housing issue. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 11:26 A.M. (7)*****

MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING/#3&4 'BUMPOUTS': Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Director, was present at the meeting to discuss a quote provided for 'Bumpouts' #3 and #4.

Discussion regarding the original design for the Multipurpose building.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 11:35 A.M. (8)*****

HONORARY COUNCIL CONCERNS: Honorary Council Members were present at the meeting to discuss concerns with housing and the multipurpose building.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 12:00 P.M. (7)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#301-2024}

LEGAL ISSUE: Discussion regarding a legal issue. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:42 P.M. (7)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:58 P.M. with the following members present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Robert DesRosier

Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Virgil Last Star

Everett Armstrong

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 2:01 P.M. (7)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding personnel issues. No action.

SELF INSURANCE (CLOSED SESSION): Donna Wilson and Cori Blue, Self-Insurance Employees, were present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

APPROVING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE TREASURER FOR THE BLACKFEET SELF-INSURANCE BANK ACCOUNTS (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by separate Resolutions {#290-2024, #291-2024, & #292-2024} to approve Signatory Authority for the Treasurer for the Blackfeet Self-Insurance bank accounts. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REMOVING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE BLACKFEET SELF-INSURANCE BANK ACCOUNTS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to remove individuals from the Blackfeet Self-Insurance bank accounts. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 3:00 P.M. (6)*****

NAID BUDGET (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the NAID budget. No action.

AUTHORIZING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE TREASURER (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to authorize a Non-Profit Organization for charitable donations to be administered by the Treasurer. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-75}

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 3:35 P.M. (5)*****

CONTRACT EXTENSION (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a Contract Extension. No action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 3:44 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-74}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#304-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): {#303-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL ACTION (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential personnel action was taken.

ENROLLMENT ACTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Enrollment Actions were taken, and the Minutes are completed separately.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-76}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-77}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#312-2024}

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:23 P.M. (5)*****

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 4:24 P.M. (6)*****

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

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 4:40 P.M. (7)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 4:40 P.M. (8)*****

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 4:40 P.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:46 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING THE FY 2024 FOREST MANAGEMENT DEDUCTION ANNUAL EXPENDITURE PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#293-2024} to approve the fiscal year 2024 Forest Management Deduction Annual Expenditure Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)


CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL ACTION (CLOSED SESSION): Confidential Personnel Resolutions were approved.

APPROVING OFFICE SPACE FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to approve office space for Internal Affairs in the Self Insurance Program Building. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2024-72}

ADJOURNMENT: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting at Adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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APPROVED:



**Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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MINUTES OF THE
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GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 4, 2024
9:20 A.M.

Chairman Iloff Kipp Sr. called the meeting to order and Secretary Patrick Armstrong Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of seven (7) members:

Iloff Kipp Sr.
Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Shelly Hall

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

DECLARING FERAL HORSES AS AN INVASIVE SPECIES: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to declare feral horses as an invasive species. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: Steven Pollock, Transportation Department, was present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2024 SAFE STREETS FOR ALL GRANT (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion to authorize the Blackfeet Tribal Transportation Department to apply for the FY 2024 Safe Streets for All Grant. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

AGENDA: Items were added to the Agenda.

BTBC UPDATES: Everett Armstrong stated he would like to discuss the Alcohol Ordinance in regards to alcohol sale times.

Shelly Hall stated the Government Square will be returned to the Tribe shortly. Everett Armstrong stated the BTBC wanted to improve the All Chiefs Park for more activities for the community, play grounds, splash pad, picnic area, etc. this spring.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Bruce Schildt, Bill Spotted Eagle, Kenneth Oscar and Richard Bird, Honorary Men's Council members, were present at the meeting to discuss the roads, arbor (restroom and showers), lights on Hwy 464 and the dog problem.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 9:50 A.M. (6)*****

BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER: Minnetta Armstrong, BECC Director; and Jennifer McDonald, BECC, were present at the meeting to discuss mini basketball, mini powwow and three Grant Applications. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:20 A.M. (7)*****

TRIBAL HEALTH: Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, was present to update the BTBC. No action.

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses and Violet Provic, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss food prices at the Casino, vandalism, wood for elders, Tribal Court Judge positions, transit fees, garbage, speeding on the new road by the Hospital, election, houses near All Chiefs Park, a new treatment center and squatting.

MANPOWER: George Kipp, Manpower Director, was present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 10:58 A.M. (6)*****

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 11:06 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH IRON SHIELD CREATIVE, LLC FOR TOURISM UNDER MANPOWER: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#305-2024} to approve a Sole Source Professional Services Contract with Iron Shield Creative, LLC for Tourism under Manpower. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

WATER DEPARTMENT: K Webb Galbreath, Water Department Director, was present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. left the meeting at 11:18 A.M. (6)*****

APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO TASK ORDER #2022-01 WITH DOWL UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 371-2022 FOR IRRIGATION MATTERS AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT UNDER THE WATER

DEPARTMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#320-2024} to approve the Second Amendment to Task Order #2022-01 with DOWL under Resolution No. 371-2024 for irrigation matters and other matters under the Master Agreement under the Water Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING TASK ORDER #2024-01 FOR THE “BROWNING MR&I SYSTEMS MASTER PLAN” BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT AND HDR

ENGINEERING: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#321-2024} to approve Task Order #2024-01 for the “Browning MR&I Systems Master Plan” between the Blackfeet Water Department and HDR Engineering. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE TRACTOR FOR THE BLACKFEET

WATER DEPARTMENT: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#319-2024} to approve a purchase of a John Deere tractor for the Blackfeet Water Department. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FARM BILL PROGRAM: Justin Trout, RCCP, was present at the meeting to discuss the Farm Bill Program. No action.

BTBC MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the March 1, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the March 14, 2024 General Session Minutes; the March 25, 2024 Special Session Minutes; and the March 27, 2024 Special Session Minutes. Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#294-2024}

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 11:55 a.m. (5)*****

*****Virgil Last Star entered the meeting at 12:00 P.M. (6)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 12:03 P.M. (7)*****

QUINTEN BOGGS: Quinten Boggs was present at the meeting to discuss an issue with a Business License. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 12:07 P.M. (8)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:10 P.M. (8)

RECONVENED: The meeting reconvened at 1:30 P.M. with the following members present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.
Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Shelly Hall

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Virgil Last Star

HOUSING EVICTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding Housing evictions. No action.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 1:47 P.M. (6)*****

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Prosecutor's Office.

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 1:57 P.M. (7)*****

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING PROSECUTIONS OF CRIME, CHILD WELFARE MATTERS, AND ESTABLISHING AD HOC OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#295-2024} to declare a State of Emergency regarding prosecutions of crime, child welfare matters, and establishing Ad Hoc Office of the Attorney General. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 2:24 P.M. (6)*****

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 2:24 P.M. (7)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUE/PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 2:35 P.M. (8)*****

UPDATE/CUT BANK CREEK FARMS (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Special Counsel, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): A land action was taken.

BLACKFEET HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISES UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Special Counsel, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC on Blackfeet Hospitality Enterprises. No action.

FIRE IN THE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Fire in the Mountain Festival. No action.

THUNDER RADIO PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Thunder Radio project. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:00 P.M. (7)*****

TRIBAL COURT/PERSONNEL ISSUES (CLOSED SESSION): Tribal Court Employees were present at the meeting to update the BTBC on personnel issues.

Lengthy discussion.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:40 P.M. (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong left the meeting at 3:42 P.M. (6)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue. No action.

APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MONTANA LEGAL SERVICES FOR DRAFTING WILLS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS FOR 2024 (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#296-2024} to approve an Agreement with Montana Legal Services for drafting Wills for Tribal Members for 2024. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:00 P.M. (7)*****

DRUG TASK FORCE UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Misty Laplant, Drug Task Force Coordinator, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

APPROVING GENERAL CONTRACTOR CONTRACT WITH SWANK ENTERPRISES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to approve a General Contractor Contract with Swank Enterprises for construction of the Heart Butte Arbor. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-80} {This action was revisited at a later date.}

APPROVING THE PRODUCTION OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD AMERICAN INDIAN RECRUITMENT VIDEO (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#302-2024} to approve the production of the Montana National Guard American Indian recruitment video with all fees associated with the production to be waived and the point of contact is to be the Blackfeet Homeland Security Director. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

LAND ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): A land action was taken.

APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND NACDC FOR FORECLOSURES ON TRUST LANDS (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Blackfeet Tribe and NACDC for foreclosures on Trusts lands. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; two (2) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall & Robert DesRosier. (5-2) (7)

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

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET TRIBE LIVESTOCK TRESPASS CODE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Tribe Livestock Trespass Code. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Marvin Weatherwax Jr. entered the meeting at 6:11 P.M. (7)*****

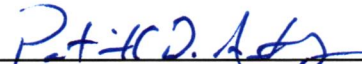
PERSONNEL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2024-78A}

APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to advertise the Transportation Department Director. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-73}

ADJOURNMENT: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (7) The Meeting a Adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

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APPROVED:



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SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 10, 2024
8:24 A.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.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Everett Armstrong

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

INVOCATION: Patrick Armstrong Jr. gave the prayer.

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET TRIBE'S SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND ANTIDegradation (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#310-2024} to approve the Blackfeet Tribe's Surface Water Quality Standards and Antidegradation. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#306-2024}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): A confidential personnel action was taken.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#308-2024}

I.T. DIRECTOR POSITION (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

I.A. (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding an Internal Affairs issue.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): a confidential personnel action was taken.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#307-2024}

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE 2024 FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE GRANT AGREEMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#311-2024} to approve submission of the 2024 First Nations Development Institute Grant Agreement. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#315-2024}

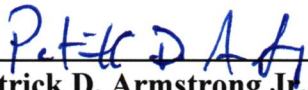
NO FUNDING TO BE PROVIDED TO BLACKFEET HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISES LLC AND/OR STAGELINE PIZZA COMPANY UNLESS BY ACTION OF A QUORUM OF THE BTBC (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#309-2024} to ensure no funding is to be provided to Blackfeet Hospitality Enterprises LLC and/or Stageline Pizza Company unless by action of a quorum of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FINANCE POLICY (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Finance Policy. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

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APPROVED:



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APRIL 10, 2024
3:17 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 (2) Executive members:

Iliff Kipp Sr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

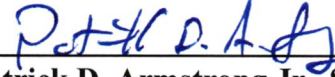
APPROVING AUTHORITY FOR THE BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,489,452.00: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve authority for the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center to submit an Annual Funding Grant Application for Head Start and Early Head Start in the amount of \$5,489,452.00. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (2) Executive Excerpt {#EX2024-79}

PERSONNEL ISSUE: Discussion. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (2) The Meeting a Adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

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SPECIAL SESSION
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APRIL 17, 2024
9:25 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.
Virgil Last Star

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Shelly Hall

Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Iliff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer, was present at the meeting to present Budget Amendments.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by separate Resolutions to approve the following Budget Amendments to be taken from the Buildings and General budget, per recommendation of the Treasurer:

Procurement Department -	\$70,000.00
Finance Department -	\$250,000.00
Planning Department -	\$150,000.00
Royalty -	\$10,000.00
I.T Department	\$250,000.00

Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

HEART BUTTE SENIOR TRIP (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion. No action.

GAMING ASSESSMENT TEAM (CLOSED SESSION): Mina Kipp, Loni Grant, Dustin Pepion, and Brandon Surechief, Gaming Commission Members, were present at the meeting along with the Gaming Assessment Team to present a Power Point to the BTBC on the Assessment.

Lengthy discussion.

HOMELAND SECURITY/FACILITIES DEPARTMENTS (CLOSED SESSION): Donna YellowOwl, Facilities Department Director; Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer; Sarah Wolftail, Charles Wolftail, Erica Edwards, Terrance Melton, Homeland Security; Tim McKay and Jessica Grant, Tribal IT Employees, were present at the meeting to discuss a new camera/alarm system for the Main Tribal Office, Roland Kennerly and Finance Buildings.

Discussion with Lionel Kennerly regarding funding.

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE WITH K-12 VERCADA FROM BUILDINGS AND GENERAL TO PROVIDE SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THE MAIN TRIBAL OFFICE, THE ROLAND KENNERLY BUILDING AND THE FINANCE BUILDINGS (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#325-2024} to approve a Sole Source Purchase in the amount of \$205,995.60 with K-12 Vercada from the Buildings and General budget to provide security cameras and an alarm system for the Main Tribal Office, the Roland Kennerly Building and the Finance Building. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE 2024 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CYBER SECURITY PROGRAMS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#322-2024} to approve the Blackfeet Homeland Security to submit the 2024 Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cyber Security Programs. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 11:55 A.M. (5)*****

BNIRB (CLOSED SESSION): Cinnamon Salway, Skye Gilham, Laura Upham, Blackfeet Nation Institutional Review Board Members; and Brad Hall, Blackfeet Community College President, were present at the meeting to discuss funding.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 12:20 P.M. (6)*****

RESCINDING ACTION TAKEN ON APRIL 4, 2024 (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion to rescind action taken by the BTBC on April 4, 2024. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a Roll Call vote as follows:

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

(6)

APPROVING PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE HEART BUTTE ARBOR PROJECT (CLOSED SESSION): Virgil Last Star made a motion by Resolution to approve the Project Manager for the Heart Butte Arbor. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Virgil Last Star AMENDED his motion to reflect that an alternate Inspector is to be identified. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) ABSTAINED, Iliff Kipp Sr. (5-0-1) (6)

REAFFIRMING EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN APRIL 10, 2024 ‘AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BLACKFEET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,489,452.00’ (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#316-2024} to reaffirm Executive Excerpt {#EX-2024-79} to authorize the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center to submit an Annual Funding Grant Application for Head Start and Early Head Start in the amount of \$5,489,452.00. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

BNIRB (CLOSED SESSION): Blackfeet Nation Institutional Review Board Members were present at the meeting to request funding for a Coordinator and to continue operations.

APPROVING FUNDING FOR THE BLACKFEET NATION INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve \$68,000.00 for the Blackfeet Institutional Review Board. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

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

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 1:25 P.M. (5)*****

HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Heart Butte Arbor Project.

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 1:30 P.M. (4)*****

HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CON'T.) (CLOSED SESSION): Further discussion.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 1:50 P.M. (5)*****

MONTANA VOTING PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Yawakie and Alissa Snow were present at the meeting to discuss the Montana Voting Program. No action.

*****Robert DesRosier left the meeting at 2:08 P.M. (4)*****

*****Shelly Hall entered the meeting at 2:11 P.M. (5)*****

HOUSING ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a housing issue. No action.

*****Robert DesRosier entered the meeting at 2:29 P.M. (6)*****

REQUESTING INCLUSION OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE ON THE INTERAGENCY BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#334-2024} to request the inclusion of the Blackfeet Tribe on the Interagency Bison Management Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET TRIBE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE LAY VACCINATOR'S PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#324-2024} to authorize the Blackfeet Tribe's Participation in the Lay Vaccinator's Program. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

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

APPROVING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR WATER RESOURCE INVESTIGATIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#323-2024} to approve the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigations. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING EXPENDITURE PLAN FROM THE BLACKFEET WATER SETTLEMENT, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SELF SUFFICIENT FISHERIES PLAN UNDER BLACKFEET FISHERIES PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION):

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#335-2024} to approve an Expenditure Plan from the Blackfeet Water Settlement, for development of Self Sufficient Fisheries Plan under Blackfeet Fisheries Program. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

DECLARING LEASING OF ANY LEASE OF TRIBAL RANCHES TO BE APPROVED BY THE LAND COMMITTEE (CLOSED SESSION):

Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to declare any lease of Tribal Ranches is to be approved by the Land Committee. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET NATION BUSINESS CODE (CLOSED SESSION):

Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Nation Business Code. Second by Virgil Last Star. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET NATION LLC ACT (CLOSED SESSION):

Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Nation LLC Act. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)


APPROVING ASSESSMENT OF TRIBAL RANCHES (CLOSED SESSION):

Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve assessments of Tribal Ranches. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Robert DesRosier made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting a Adjourned at 3:03 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
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 29, 2024
2:49 P.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.
Marvin Weatherwax Jr.

Robert DesRosier
Everett Armstrong

INVOCATION: Marvin Weatherwax Jr. gave the prayer.

WAIVER 48-HOUR NOTICE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BURN VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve the Blackfeet Volunteer Fire Department to burn various locations on the Blackfeet Reservation. Second by Robert DesRosier. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING BUDGET FOR THE BLACKFEET LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR LEGAL FEES (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution to approve a budget in the amount of \$70,000.00 from Buildings and General for the Blackfeet Legal Department for legal fees. Second by Marvin Weatherwax Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING MOU BETWEEN THE BLACKFEET NATION AND BLACKFEET HOMELAND SECURITY (CLOSED SESSION): Robert DesRosier made a motion by Resolution {#331-2024} to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Blackfeet Nation and Blackfeet Homeland Security. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#337-2024}

HEART BUTTE ARBOR (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Heart Butte Arbor Project. No action.

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE 2024 PILOT COMMUNITY TOURISM GRANT (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#330-2024} to approve submission of the 2024 Pilot Community Tourism Grant. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#370-2024}

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

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