

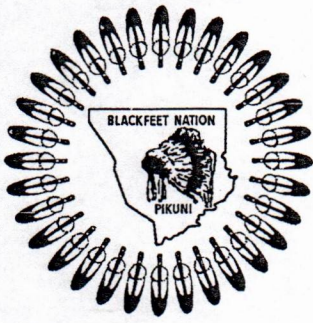


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**BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
MINUTES
APPROVED
OCTOBER 3, 2024
GENERAL SESSION**

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| 1. September 5, 2024 | General Session |
| 2. September 18, 2024 | Special Session |
| 3. September 19, 2024 | Special Session |
| 4. September 20, 2024 | Special Session |



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
9:18 A.M.**

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

**Rodney Gervais Jr.
Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Kristy Bullshoe**

**Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Cleo Main**

INVOCATION: Laura Gervais gave the prayer.

PATRICK THOMAS/MOMENT OF SILENCE: There was a moment of silence for former Councilman Patrick Thomas.

BTBC MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the August 20, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the August 21, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the August 26, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the August 28, 2024 Special Session Minutes and the August 29, 2024 Special Session Minutes.

Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 9:36 A.M. (8)*****

DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO IDENTIFY TRIBAL PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS THAT ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS TO PURCHASE CREDIT CARD MACHINES: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to direct the Treasurer to identify Tribal Programs/Departments that accept cash payments to purchase credit card machines, with an option to pay cash. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr.

Shelly Hall AMENDED her motion to reflect that all identified Programs/Departments will have a separate bank account for the card machine transactions. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

BTBC UPDATES: Iliff Kipp Sr. stated the building that will be utilized for the Bottled Water Project is being cleaned out and further meetings will be held with the appropriate Programs/Departments regarding the project.

Thomas Rutherford Jr., Health Committee Chair, stated there will be representatives from HSS to address suicide and provide trainings to programs/departments within the Tribal Health systems.

Thomas Rutherford Jr., Gaming Committee Chair, stated the National Indian Gaming Commission will be reviewing Blackfeet Gaming Ordinances and Policies.

Kristy Bullshoe, Law & Order Committee Chair, stated there has been establishment of the Enforcement Programs coming together to better serve the Blackfeet Nation.

Kristy Bullshoe, Housing Committee Chair, stated there was a meeting with the Housing Board to update the Committee on recent issues and concerns.

Cleo Main, stated she met with the Heart Butte Committee regarding the fire suppression system issue. The panel and sprinkler system will be replaced.

*****Michael Comes At Night entered the meeting at 9:54 A.M. (9)*****

Everett Armstrong stated with the new Alcohol Ordinance (sales hours) there has been nothing but positive feedback from local business, there has been less theft.

Discussions will be held regarding the lighting on highway 464 and the BIA Route 1 to Heart Butte.

Patrick Armstrong Jr., Education Committee Chair, stated there is discussions regarding Class 7 Licensure.

Michael Comes At Night stated there will be land leases rectified and there has been discussion regarding the water systems.

SOLID WASTE/RENTAL OF GARBAGE CANS: Shelly Hall stated Solid Waste is requesting funding to rent garbage cans for the Community Clean Up.

Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer, stated there is no action needed for this item.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:20 A.M. (8)*****

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 10:23 A.M. (7)*****

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Members of the Honorary Women's Council were present at the meeting to discuss street lights, cemetery road, Class 7 licenses and fire wood.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Honorary Men's Council Members were present at the meeting to discuss street lights, Heart Butte roads, hunting, TSHIP and the Honorary Council Members Finance Monitor.

NATIONAL INDIAN CARBON COALITION: Bryan Van Stippen, NICC and Dylan DesRosier, Nature Conservancy were present at the meeting to provide a presentation. No action.

TWO GUNS WHITE CALF FAMILY PRESENTATION: The family of Two Guns White Calf were present at the meeting to discuss the Washington Football Team Logo. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 11:45 A.M. (8)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 12:19 P.M. with the following members present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.

Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Michael Comes At Night

Cleo Main

Everett Armstrong

APPROVING THE 2024-2025 BLACKFEET NATION FISH AND WILDLIFE ANNUAL HUNTING REGULATIONS: Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#573-2024} to approve the 2024-2025 Blackfeet Nation Fish and Wildlife Annual Hunting Regulations. Second by Michael Comes At Night.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 12:38 P.M. (6)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING LOCATION AGREEMENT (FILMING LOCATION) WITH NISSAN WP ROGUE-ROCK CREEK: Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#559-2024} to approve the Location Agreement (Filming Location) with Nissan WP Rogue-Rock Creek. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING BLACKFEET TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE TO SUBMIT A FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR NATIVE AMERICAN TOURISM AND IMPROVING VISITOR EXPERIENCE ACT, PUBLIC LAW 114-221: Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Michael Comes At Night made a motion by Resolution {#563-2024} to approve the Blackfeet THPO to submit a Funding Proposal for Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act, P.L. 114-221. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 12:57 P.M. (7)*****

TAMMY HALL-RAEGAN & ROBIN ENGLAND: Tammy Hall-Raegan and Robin England were present at the meeting to discuss a proposal for Crisis Response for children in need at the Nurturing Center.

Further discussion will be held with the Program and Tribal Health. No action.

APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #9 AND BLACKFEET TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#564-2024} to approve a MOU between Browning Public School District #9 and Blackfeet Tribal Health System. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

DESIGNATING TERRANCE MELTON AS THE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM COORDINATOR FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE: Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#565-2024} to designate Terrance Melton as the Unmanned Aircraft System Coordinator for the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Everett Armstrong.

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF FEE TO TRUST APPLICATION FOR THREE (3) PROPERTIES ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION: Everett Armstrong made a motion by separate Resolutions to approve the submission of Fee to Trust Applications for properties formerly known as the the Feakes, Krebbs and Hall properties. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the FY 2025 Budget for the Blackfeet Tribe in the amount of \$22.6 million. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. left the meeting at 2:00 P.M. (6)*****

LAND DEPARTMENT/ENFORCEMENT: Carl Pepion, Land Department Enforcement, was present at the meeting to discuss the update of the Trespass/Range Ordinance.

No action, further discussion will be held.

I.T. DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Tim McKay, Acting IT Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC. No action.

SIERRA CLUB: Caryn Miske, Sierra Club, was present at the meeting to discuss Grant funding.

Ms. Miske was directed to speak with the Planning Department. No action.

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (CLOSED SESSION): Dana Pemberton, Personnel Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss items for BTBC action.

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. entered the meeting at 3:18 P.M. (7)*****

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

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:25 P.M. (6)*****

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

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:32 PM. (5)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 3:34 P.M. (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:34 P.M. (7)*****

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

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

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:08 P.M. (6)*****

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET BUFFALO PROGRAM TO APPLY FOR A \$250,000.00 GRANT FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to authorize the Blackfeet Buffalo Program to apply for a \$250,000.00 Grant from the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ACCEPTING 50 SURPLUS BUFFALO FROM THE INTER-TRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#561-2024} to accept 50 surplus buffalo from the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ORDINANCE #119 “REGULATION AND PROHIBITION OF SALE OF E-CIGARETTES/VAPING DEVICES OF ANY KIND”: Terydon Hall, Legal Assistant, stated there will need to be an amendment to Ordinance #119 for penalties.

Further discussion will be held. No action.

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

HOUSING ISSUE/SHEILA MADPLUME (CLOSED SESSION): Sheila Madplume and Diana Burd were present at the meeting to discuss a housing issue.

Further discussion will be held.

SOUTHERN PIEGAN HEALTH CENTER: Jennifer St. Goddard, SPHC Director; Michael Gervais, Engineer and Calvin Lime, Trophy Enterprises, were present at the meeting to request BTBC action for the SPHC renovation.

APPROVING SECOND SERVICE ORDER #9 WITH MICHAEL GERVAIS FOR THE SOUTHERN PIEGAN HEALTH CENTER REMODEL, UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#568-2024} to approve the second Service Order #9 with Michael Gervais for the Southern Piegan Health Center Remodel, under the Master Agreement. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (5-1) (6)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CALVIN LIME, TROPHY ENTERPRISES AS THE CONSTRUCTION MANGER FOR THE SOUTHERN PIEGAN HEALTH CENTER REMODEL: Michael Comes At Night made a motion by Resolution to approve a Sole Source Professional Service Contract with Calvin Lime, Trophy Enterprises, as the Construction Manager for the Southern Piegan Health Center remodel. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (5-1) (6)

APPROVING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHERN PIEGAN HEALTH CENTER: Cleo Main made a motion by Resolution to approve the Design and Construction of the Southern Piegan Health Center. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Shelly Hall. (5-1) (6)

APPROVING COMMERCIAL LEASE WITH GLACIER PROPERTY GROUP FOR SOUTHERN PIEGAN HEALTH CENTER: Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

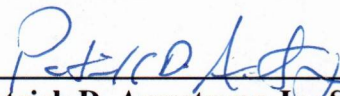
Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#567-2024} to approve a Commercial Lease with Glacier Property Group for Southern Piegan Health Center. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): A confidential action was taken.

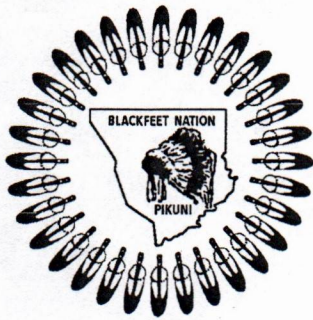
ADJOURNMENT: Cleo Main made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting at Adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
9:18 A.M.**

Chairman Rodney Gervais 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:

**Rodney Gervais Jr.
Everett Armstrong**

**Shelly Hall
Kristy Bullshoe**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Cleo Main**

INVOCATION: Cleo Main gave the prayer.

ESTABLISHING A BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATION FROM BLACKFEET COMMUNITIES: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#584-2024} to approve establishment of the Beautification Committee (7 members) with representation from the following communities:

**Browning
Heart Butte
Babb
Seville
Starr School
East Glacier
Blackfoot**

Each member shall receive \$150.00 honorarium per meeting, not to exceed two meetings per month. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Michael Comes At Night entered the meeting at 9:27 A.M. (7)*****

BTBC UPDATES: Kristy Bullshoe, L&O Committee Chair, stated BLES has been responding to threats within the Public Schools.

BLES dispatch will need a new facility, as there is leakage in the building and no heat.

Discussion regarding the White Buffalo Home; no action further discussions will be held.

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. left the meeting at 9:33 A.M. (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 9:33 A.M. (5)*****

Michael Comes At Night stated there was a Court meeting held on 9-17-24 regarding Court proceedings and the work environment.

There was a cultural meeting in Great Falls, Mt. regarding the boundary and traditional lands.

There was a Water Law Sovereignty meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr Comes At Night would like to see more Tribal Members at the Water meetings.

Cleo Main, Finance Committee, stated the 15th and 30th of every month there will be Finance Committee Meetings to discuss financials.

Cleo Main stated there was an orientation meeting with Siyeh regarding programs, structure and the fiber optic project.

Patrick Armstrong Jr., Education Committee, stated there was a meeting at BCC regarding the establishment of a Committee for Class 7 Licensure and professional training for the licenses, which will be free of charge.

The Heart Butte Schools should be beginning in person classes in the week of September 23-27, 2024 funding for the repairs of the Fire Suppression system will need to be discussed with the Blackfeet Water Department.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 9:38 A.M. (7)*****

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. entered the meeting at 9:38 A.M. (8)*****

Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated there will be a Buffalo Treaty signing in Lethbridge, Alberta.

The Blackfoot Confederacy meeting will be held in Riverton, Wyo. In the week of September 23-27, 2024.

Rodney Gervais Jr. stated there was a meeting with the sister Tribes regarding climate change, green energy, farming and international trade.

BTBC UPDATES (CON'T.): Rodney Gervais Jr. stated there is a letter from the BTBC regarding the reinstatement of the Logo for the football team formerly known as the Washington Redskins to be sent to the office of Senator Daines.

*****Kristy Bullshoe left the meeting at 10:00 A.M. (7)*****

Michael Comes At Night stated there will be a meeting at the Glacier Peaks Casino with Federal Agencies for Drug Awareness in October, a date will be provided.

There will be further discussions regarding the Feather Women Lodge in Heart Butte, Mt. for homeless youth.

APPROVING BTBC CREDIT CARD POLICY: Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer, stated the BTBC Credit Card Policy is completed and ready for BTBC approval.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the BTBC Credit Card Policy. Second by Everett Armstrong.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 10:18 A.M. (6)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 10:23 A.M. (7)*****

ARPA PROJECTS/OPIOID FUNDING: Discussion regarding ARPA projects and Opioid Funding, further discussion will be held.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR INFR/BLACKFEET FLAG: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the Blackfeet Flag to be flown as the 2024 INFR. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2024-112}

BLACKFEET NATION BOXING CLUB: Lionel Kennerly stated the Boxing Club is requesting funding.

The item will be addressed in the Finance Committee Meeting.

*****Kristy Bullshoe entered the meeting at 10:47 A.M. (8)*****

APPROVING ALLOCATION OF \$65,000.00 FOR THE ADULT HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion by Resolution {#579-2024} to approve an allocation of \$65,000.00 for the Adult Healing to Wellness Court. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING FUNDS FOR GLACIER PEAKS ANNIVERSARY STICK GAME

TOURNAMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 (50% of total funding) from the Buildings and General budget to the Stick Game Committee for the Glacier Peaks Anniversary Stick Game Tournament. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-113}

APPROVING FUNDS FOR MARVIN "SPEED" SKUNKCAP MEMORIAL COED

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$3,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the Marvin "Speed" Skunkcap Memorial Coed Softball Tournament. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2024-114}

OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM REPORT (CLOSED SESSION): Misty Laplant, Opioid Response Program Director, was present at the meeting to provide a report of the Pilot Program to the BTBC.

TRIBAL HEALTH RESTRUCTURE/MENTAL HEALTH: Shelly Hall made a motion to separate Mental Health Services from Tribal Health and advertise for a Mental Health CEO.

Discussion.

Shelly Hall AMENDED her motion to schedule meetings for the restructuring of Tribal Health within thirty (30) days. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

{This Action was revisited later in the meeting.}

APPROVING OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM CARRY-OVER FUNDS: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve \$241,898.42 to carry over into fiscal year 2025 for the Opioid Response Program. Second by Cleo Main.

*****Cleo Main left the meeting at 1:22 P.M. (7)*****

Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Cleo Main entered the meeting at 1:23 P.M. (8)*****

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 1:25 P.M. (8)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:51 P.M. with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Shelly Hall
Cleo Main

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Michael Comes At Night

IHS/WATER: Gary Madman, IHS; and Shelly Old Chief, Water Department were present at the meeting to update the BTBC. **No action.**

*****Kristy Bullshoe entered the meeting at 2:18 P.M. (7)*****

HEART BUTTE INDIAN DAYS COMMITTEE: Grinnell Day Chief and Shelly Calfbossribs, Heart Butte Indian Days Committee Members, were present at the meeting. Discussion regarding funding for the Christmas Powwow. **No action.**

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 2:37 P.M. (8)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 2:48 P.M. (9)*****

AMENDING ACTION/TRIBAL HEALTH RESTRUCTURE: Shelly Hall made a motion to amend action taken earlier in the meeting to restructure Tribal Health to hold the Restructure until the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Care evaluation is completed. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OFFICE SPACE BY THE BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY AND BLACKFEET ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE BUFFALO BULL LODGE (THPO BUILDING): Everett Armstrong made a motion by separate Resolutions to authorize the use of office space by the Blackfoot Confederacy and Blackfeet Ecological Knowledge in the Buffalo Bull Lodge. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (9)

LEGAL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a legal issue. **No action.**

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:30 P.M. (8)*****

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

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 3:58 P.M. (7)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 3:58 P.M. (6)*****

HILLCORE GROUP: Russell Negus, Hillcore Group Chairman & CEO, was present at the meeting for a presentation. **No action.**

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:05 P.M. (7)*****

*****Michael Comes At Night left the meeting at 4:09 P.M. (6)*****

ENROLLMENT ACTIONS: Confidential Enrollment Actions were taken and the Minutes are completed separately.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET (CLOSED SESSION): Dawn Gray, Tribal Managing Attorney, was present at the meeting to discuss the Legal Department budget. No action.

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

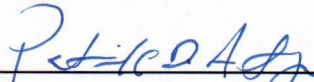
*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 6:02 P.M. (5)*****

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 6:06 P.M. (4)*****

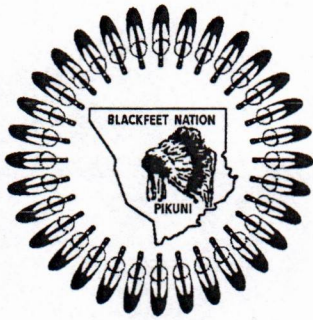
RECESS: The meeting recessed at 6:07 P.M. (4)

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SPECIAL SESSION
(RECONVENED)
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
4:08 P.M.**

Chairman Rodney Gervais Jr. 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:

**Rodney Gervais Jr.
Everett Armstrong**

**Shelly Hall
Michael Comes At Night**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Kristy Bullshoe**

*****Cleo Main entered the meeting at 4:10 P.M. (7)*****

APPROVING FUNDS FOR OVERTIME FOR ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEEES TO SECURE SPORTING EVENTS: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve \$5,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for overtime for various Enforcement Employees to secure sporting events at the Public Schools. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 551-2024 CONTRACT WITH MOUNTAIN PACIFIC QUALITY HEALTH CARE EXTENDING THE TERM OF CONTRACT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#551-2024A} to amend Resolution No. 551-2024 to extend the term of Contract with Mountain Pacific Quality Health Care with no additional cost. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

CONTRACT/MISTY LAPLANT (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the negotiations with Misty Laplant for the Opioid Response Contract.

The item will be discussed in the Health Committee meeting and will be revisited in two weeks.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:45 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TRIBAL HEALTH FOR BLACKFEET VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$206,866.41 for Tribal Health for the Blackfeet Volunteer Fire Department from BIA ARPA funds. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session.

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

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. left the meeting at 5:16 P.M. (6)*****

REQUESTING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERAGENCY BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN (IBMP): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#591-2024} to request Partnership with the Interagency Bison Management Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. entered the meeting at 5:21 P.M. (7)*****

*****Kristy Bullshoe entered the meeting at 5:26 P.M. (6)*****

MONTANA PEDIATRICS: Discussion regarding the Montana Pediatrics Contract. No action.

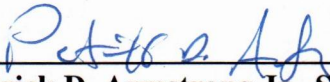
APPROVING FUNDS FOR ARTWORK/SHAWN LAHR (CLOSED SESSION): Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$3,500.00 from the Buildings and General budget for Shawn Lahr for the purchase of artwork. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) OPPOSED, Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2024-116}

APPROVING INSPECTION FOR MEDICINE BEAR SHELTER (CLOSED SESSION): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve Carl Kipp, Inspector; and the Blackfeet Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief to provide an inspection on the Medicine Bear Shelter to the BTBC. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-115}

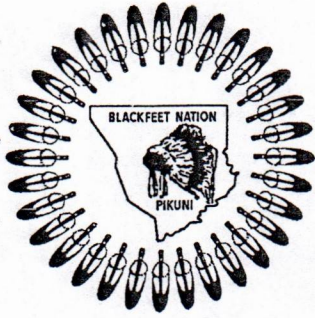
ADJOURNMENT: Everett Armstrong made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting at Adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

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APPROVED:



**Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024
10:42 A.M.**

Chairman Rodney Gervais Jr. called the meeting to order and Acting Secretary Thomas Rutherford Jr. called roll with the following present to constitute a Quorum of eight (8) members:

**Rodney Gervais Jr.
Iloff Kipp Sr.
Kristy Bullshoe**

**Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong
Cleo Main**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Michael Comes At Night**

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

INVOCATION: Iliff Kipp Sr. gave the prayer.

PERSONNEL ISSUE: lengthy discussion regarding a personnel issue. No action.

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session and the Recording Secretary was excused at 11:50 A.M.

RESUME: The meeting resumed at 12:25 P.M. with the following members present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

**Rodney Gervais Jr.
Iloff Kipp Sr.
Kristy Bullshoe**

**Shelly Hall
Michael Comes At Night**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Cleo Main**

PERSONNEL ISSUE: discussion regarding a personnel issue. No action.

CONFIDENTIAL/PERSONNEL ISSUE: A personnel issue was discussed.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): {#590-2024}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 1:23 P.M. (6)*****

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

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 2:22 P.M. (5)*****

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

APPROVING FUNDS FOR JOE FISHER (CLOSED SESSION): Michael Comes At Night made a motion to approve \$750.00 from the Buildings and General budget for Joe Fisher. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) ABSTAIN, Shelly Hall. (5-0-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2024-118}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS (CLOSED SESSION): Personnel actions were taken.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR VELINDA REDHEAD (CLOSED SESSION): Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion to approve \$500.00 for Velinda Redhead from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2024-117}

LEGAL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): A legal action was taken.

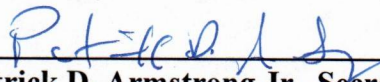
APPROVING KETTLE HOUSE BREWING AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK TO DONATE FIREWOOD FOR THE ELDERLY FIREWOOD PROGRAM: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion to approve Kettle House Brewing and Glacier National Park to donate firewood for the Elderly Firewood Program. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): A personnel action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting at Adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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APPROVED:



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