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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 25, 2024

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| 1. October 3, 2024 | General Session |
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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 3, 2024
9:31 A.M.**

Chairman Rodney Gervais Jr. called the meeting to order with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

**Rodney Gervais Jr.
Iliff Kipp Sr.**

**Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong**

**Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Kristy Bullshoe**

INVOCATION: Wilma Manywhitehorses gave the prayer.

ROLL CALL: Acting Secretary Thomas Rutherford Jr. called roll.

AGENDA: Items were added to the Agenda.

BTBC UPDATES: Shelly Hall stated there was a meeting for the Domestic Animal Committee to assist the Dog Catcher to address the stray dog issue.

The Beautification Committee will have representatives from each community to address the garbage.

There is a Letter for a request to have Driver's Education at the Satellite Office.

There will be a request by Resolution to open the Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory 7-days a week, 365 days a year.

There will be efforts made to encourage voting in the upcoming Election.

The Nurturing Center is purchasing a van to take the children on outings.

BTBC UPDATES (CON'T.): There was a meeting in Polson with Housing to address housing issues.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. stated there was a meeting with the Montana Department of Transportation regarding projects.

There was a meeting with the IHS Tribal Liaison regarding Contracts, which have been extended three months.

Kristy Bullshoe stated there was a meeting with the Housing Board; there was discussion regarding better services for the Tenants.

The Chief of Police has been working with all Enforcement Program to better service the Community. Enforcement Programs have been in the Schools to protect students and staff.

Gabriel Calf Boss Ribs has been missing; there are no leads on where he is at this time. All efforts are being made by the entities involved with the search. A reward has been requested.

Rodney Gervais Jr. stated there were threats in the school that disrupted the community; there was a response with all resources for the safety of the children.

Everett Armstrong stated there was a complication with the Splash Pad project; the project is still on track for the Spring of 2025.

Native American Bank policies were requested to be reviewed regarding loans. A report will be provided at a later date.

Rodney Gervais Jr. stated there was a meeting with Governer Gianforte, Senator Daines and Senator Tester regarding water waste management funding.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 10:00 A.M. (7)*****

BTBC UPDATES (CON'T.): Rodney Gervais Jr. stated there was a Blackfoot Confederacy Meeting; timothy hay and economic development were discussed.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 10:19 A.M. (6)*****

BTBC MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the September 5, 2024 General Session Minutes; the September 18, 2024 Special Session Minutes; the September 18 Enrollment Minutes; the September 19, 2024 Special Session Minutes and the September 20, 2024 Minutes.

Iloff Kipp Sr. made a motion to approve the Minutes, as presented. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Wilma Manywhitehorses, Annie Vielle and Violet Provic, Honorary Women's Council Members, were present at the meeting to discuss the state of playgrounds and the condition of the town.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Six Honorary Men's Council Members were present.

Bill Spotted Eagle stated there is a trash issue; the Tribe should develop a land base for a dump.

The Honorary Council Charter is being drafted.

There is a new Secretary for the Honorary Council and there is issues with payments.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 10:59 A.M. (7)*****

OFFICE CLOSURE/10-4-2024 HOMECOMING PARADE: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion to approve Tribal Office Closure on Friday October 4, 2024 for the Homecoming Parade, game and activities. Second by Everett Armstrong.

Everett Armstrong stated for the record; per discussion with the Honorary Council and the Public, all agreed on the closure.

Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2025-01}

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. left the meeting at 11:31 A.M. (6)*****

VETERAN'S/ALBERT "HARRY" SALWAY: Albert "Harry" Salway was present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR VETERAN'S WALL TILES: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for twenty-five (25) granite tiles to be placed on the Veteran's Wall in Great Falls, Mt. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2025-02}

HEART BUTTE SCHOOLS UPDATE: Discussion regarding the Heart Butte Schools. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 12:20 P.M. (6)

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:15 with the following members present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.
Everett Armstrong

Shelly Hall
Iloff Kipp Sr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Kristy Bullshoe

STATE AUDITOR CANDIDATE/JOHN REPKE: John Repke, State Auditor Candidate, was present at the meeting to discuss with the BTBC. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 1:32 P.M. (7)*****

STATE AUDITOR CANDIDATE/JOHN REPKE (CON'T.): Further discussion.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 1:42 P.M. (6)*****

REQUESTING THAT THE U.S. BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION WORK WITH THE BLACKFEET NATION TO DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY PLAN TO ADDRESS THE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS EPIDEMIC ON THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO OPEN THE BLACKFEET BOARDING DORMITORY 7 DAYS A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR: Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#04-2025} to request the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education to work with the Blackfeet Nation to develop and Emergency Plan to address the youth homelessness epidemic on the Blackfeet Reservation and to provide necessary resources to open the Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Second by Illoff Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 1:59 P.M. (7)*****

LETTER: a letter was presented to the BTBC. No action.

TWO GUNS WHITE CALF/LOGO: discussion. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 2:08 PM (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 2:12 PM (5)*****

TOM ROGERS/LOBBYIST: Tom Rogers, Lobbyist, was present at the meeting to discuss voting. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 2:20 PM (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 2:24 PM (7)*****

**APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE PFAS AND/OR PCB LITIGATION AND
RETAINING FRAZER PLC TO REPRESENT THE BLACKFEET TRIBE:** Patrick

Armstrong Jr. reads the resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#12-2025} to approve participation in the PFAS and/or PCB litigation and retaining Frazer PLC to represent the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Patrick Armstrong Junior. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ELECTION PROPOSAL/RED MEDICINE LLC: Discussion regarding the election proposal from red medicine LLC. No action.

HONORING/TOM ROGERS: Tom Rogers was honored by the BTBC and gifts were presented.

MMIP: Wilma Fleury and Rhonda Grant, MMIP, were present at the meeting to discuss funding. No action.

*****Iliff Scott Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 3:29 PM (7)*****

WATER DEPARTMENT: KWebb Galbreath, Water Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss a sanitation deficiency, solar energy, hay sales, the USGS snow study, gravel permits and the siphon break.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:44 PM (6)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 3:44 PM (5)*****

WATER DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED): further discussion regarding the siphon break. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:53 PM (6)*****

APPROVING THE BLACKFEET INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT

MODERNIZATION PLAN: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#-2025} to approve the Blackfeet Indian Irrigation Project Modernization Plan. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

TWINS LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA: Discussion regarding the twins Lake recreational area. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 4:07 PM (7)*****

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:07 PM (6)*****

JOHN WAGNER/LAND ISSUE: John Wagner was present at the meeting to discuss a land issue. Mr. Wagner was directed to speak with the Legal Department regarding the issue. No action.

APPROVING DOWL TASK ORDER NUMBER 2024 – 01 FOR STOCK WATER DEVELOPMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#06-2025} to approve the DOWL task order number 2024 – 01 for stock water development. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING DOWL TASK ORDER NO. 2024-02 FOR V-FLUME REHABILITATION DESIGN UPDATE: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#07-2025} to approve the DOWL task order no. 2024-02 for V-Flume rehabilitation design update. Second by Everett Armstrong. (6)

*****Shelly Hall left the meeting at 4:40 PM (5)*****

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Elaine Little Plume and Dakota No Runner were present at the meeting to request funding to attend AIHEC.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR THE BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#20-2025} to approve funds for the Blackfeet Community College students to attend the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference. Second by Iliff Scott Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH MISSION CONSULTING FOR RCPP GRANT ADMINISTRATION: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#09-2025} to approve a Sole-Source Contract with Mission Consulting for RCPP grant administration. Second by Iliff Scott Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING PROGRAMMATIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USDA NRCS AND THE BLACKFEET TRIBE: Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#09-2025} to approve the Programmatic Partnership Agreement between the USDA NRCS and the Blackfeet Tribe. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

MISTY LAPLANT/CONTRACT: discussion regarding the contract with Misty Laplant. No action.

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET TRIBE TO SIGN ON TO THE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF APACHE STRONGHOLD IN APACHE STRONGHOLD V. UNITED STATES, NUMBER 24 – 291: Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#38-2025} to approve the Blackfeet Tribe to sign on to the Amicus Curiae Brief in support of Apache Stronghold in Apache Stronghold versus United States, number 24 – 291. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

EXTENDING SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT WITH MISTY LAPLANT FOR PROJECT COORDINATION SERVICES TO THE BTBC FOR THE STATE OF EMERGENCY OPIOID EPIDEMIC RESPONSE PROJECTS: Kristy Bullshoe made a motion by Resolution {#15-2025} to extend the Sole-Source Contract with Misty Laplant for project coordination services to the BTBC for the State of Emergency Opioid Epidemic Response project. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

FINANCIAL REQUEST: Kristy Bullshoe made a motion to approve \$1,500.00 for a financial request. No second. Motion FAILED.

INFR CONTESTANTS: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$16,000.00 for INFR Contestants.

Discussion.

Everett Armstrong WITHDREW his motion.

BLACKFEET BOARDING DORMITORY/LETTER: discussion regarding a letter to Casey Sovo, B.I.E., regarding the Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory. No action.

AUTHORIZING THE BLACKFEET PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ENTITLED “NATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH RESILIENCE” HHS-2024-IHS-NPNR: Thomas Rutherford Jr. reads the Resolution.

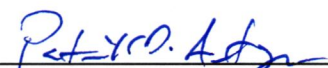
Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to authorize the Blackfeet Public Health Service Department to apply for a Grant entitled “Native Public Health Resilience” HHS-2024-IHS-NPNR. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2025 AND AMENDING ATTORNEY CONTRACTS: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion by Resolution {#37-2025} to approve a budget amendment for the Legal Department for fiscal year 2025 and amending the Attorney Contracts. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting Adjourned at 6:11 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
OCTOBER 8, 2024
2:45 PM**

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

Shelly Hall
Iliff Kipp Sr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Cleo Main

Thomas Rutherford Jr.
Kristy Bullshoe

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to waive the 48-hour notice of meeting. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR BLACKFEET INDIVIDUALS IN SOBER LIVING AND TREATMENT FACILITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES:

Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the Resolution.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to declare a State of Emergency for Blackfeet Individuals in Sober Living and Treatment Facilities across the United States. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 2:54 PM (7)*****

AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 518 – 2022 UPDATING APPROVAL OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to Amend Resolution number 518 – 2022 updating approval of internal affairs investigations. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

HOTEL/PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): discussion regarding a public health issue within a hotel on the reservation.

It was the consensus of the BTBC to direct the Legal Department and the Revenue Department to complete a report regarding the public health issue and to update the Council. No action.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS (CLOSED SESSION): discussion regarding a policy for internal investigations. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 3:25 PM (6)*****

REQUIRING UNIFORMS FOR COMPLIANCE OFFICERS AT THE BLACKFEET REVENUE DEPARTMENT: Kristy Bullshoe made a motion by Resolution {#39-2025} to require uniforms for compliance officers at the Blackfeet Revenue Department. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:29 PM (7)*****

REVENUE DEPARTMENT/BUDGET: Discussion regarding the Revenue Department budget.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 3:36 PM (6)*****

APPROVING REVENUE SHARE WITH THE BLACKFEET REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR BLACKFEET REVENUE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL COSTS: Cleo Main made a motion by Resolution {#27-2025} to approve a Revenue Share with the Blackfeet Revenue Department and establishing a separate bank account for Blackfeet Revenue Department operational costs. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

MOVING GRAVEL PRODUCTION AND GRAVEL RELATED MATTERS FROM THE BLACKFEET WATER DEPARTMENT TO THE BLACKFEET LAND DEPARTMENT: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion by Resolution {#26-2025} to move the gravel production and gravel related matters from the Blackfeet Water Department to the Blackfeet Land Department. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

PO'KA RANCH/BIDS: discussion regarding bids for the Po'ka Ranch. Further discussion will be held, no action.

BOOTLEGGING/LIQUOR ORDINANCE: discussion regarding bootlegging and penalty within the Liquor Ordinance. No action.

BNSF/TERO COMPLIANCE: discussion regarding BNSF business compliance. No action.

THUNDER RADIO: discussion regarding the Thunder Radio project, no action.

STOLTZ RANCH/TOPSOIL REQUEST: Shelly Hall stated there was a request for the purchase of topsoil at the Stoltz Ranch. No action.

The request will be addressed within the Land Department.

AUTHORIZING A BUDGET OF \$10,000 FOR BEAUTIFICATION PURPOSES: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#16-2025} to authorize a budget of \$10,000 for beautification purposes. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING ISSUE OF FREE BLACKFEET IDS OR TRIBAL MEMBERS OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE FOR VOTING PURPOSES: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#22-2025} to approve issue of free Blackfeet IDs for Tribal Members over 18 years of age for voting purposes. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING FUNDS FOR STEVE BULL SHOE: Iliff Kipp Sr. made a motion to approve \$5,224.95 from the Buildings and General budget for Steve Bull Shoe for the purchase of a new wheelchair. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. 6 Excerpt {#E2025-03}

CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#57-2025}

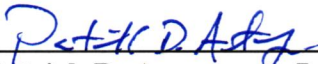
APPROVING THE LOAN OF A VAN AND DRIVER FROM BLACKFEET TRIBAL HEALTH FOR THE BROWNING SPEED GOATS RUNNING CLUB'S TRIP TO BOISE, IDAHO: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#21-2025} to approve the loan of a van and driver from Blackfeet Tribal Health for the Browning Speed Goats Running Club's trip to Boise, Idaho. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

MEDICAL BUYOUT POLICY: discussion regarding a medical buyout policy. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting at Adjourned at 4:28 PM.

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APPROVED:



**Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 16, 2024
9:38 AM**

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.

Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Michael Comes at Night

Cleo Main

INVOCATION: Michael Comes At Night gave the prayer.

Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 9:39 AM (7)

Kristy Bullshoe entered the meeting at 9:45 AM (8)

ESTABLISHING THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL COMMITTEE AND FISCAL YEAR 2025

BUDGET: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#20-2025A} to establish the Domestic Animal Committee of seven (7) members from each community; the Members of the Committee shall be compensated at \$150.00 per member per meeting not to exceed two meetings per month and fiscal year 2025 budget in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

APPROVING DONATION FOR REZ MONKEYS: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget for the Rez monkeys (William spotted Eagle). Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2025-06}

COMMITTEE UPDATES: Thomas Rutherford Jr. stated Mountain Pacific is reviewing Tribal Health Departments, there will be a Report provided. Staff wages have been discussed for Tribal Health Professionals has been discussed.

There have been discussion with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife for hunting in the C.M Russell Refuge.

Kristy Bullshoe stated efforts have been made for OT's to better serve tenants. Discussion has been held for the hire of a dog catcher under Housing.

There has been patrol and better service to serve the community within BLES and Blackfeet Fish and Game.

Michael Comes At Night stated the Tribal Court and Family Services have been making efforts to place children in the Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory. There will be a Parent Advisory Committee.

There was an ATNI Meeting; membership dues have been paid.

A meeting was held in Great Falls, Mt. regarding treaty hunting rights in the Ceded Strip area.

The property in Polson, Mt. has been inspected and further plans for the property will be made.

Cleo Main stated there was a Blackfoot Confederacy Conference; presentation from the Tribe will need to be reviewed.

*****Iliff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 10:15 AM (9)*****

COMMITTEE UPDATES (CONTINUED): Cleo Main stated there was a Finance Committee meeting; elderly fire wood Program was discussed.

Everett Armstrong stated there was a free movie event; sponsors and a bigger screen will be discussed.

The Splash Pad project is scheduled to start in the Spring of 2025.

Orange Shirt day will need to be discussed on U.S. statistics of Boarding Schools.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. stated the Class 7 License approval will need to be discussed; a Committee will be established.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 10:37 AM (8)*****

AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 516–2024, APPOINTING RODNEY GERVAIS JR., AS THE VICE-CHAIR TO THE COURT’S COMMITTEE: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#29–2025} to amend Resolution #516–2024, appointing Rodney Gervais Jr., as the Vice-Chair to the Court’s Committee. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: {#30–2025}

APPROVING 2024 PER CAPITA AMOUNT: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the 2024 Blackfeet Tribal Per Capita in the amount of \$200.00. Second by Kristy Bull Shoe. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2025-08}

APPROVING BANK ACCOUNT FOR PER CAPITA: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to allow the treasurer to open another bank account for the per capita payment. Second by Michael Comes at Night. Motion carried unanimously. (8) Excerpt {#E2025-09}

CKP/NICK BURCHFIELD DINNER INVITATION: Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer, stated Nick Burchfield, CKP, invited the BTBC to a dinner.

ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBAL FEE LEASE INCOME: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#28–2025} establish a separate bank account for the Blackfeet Tribal fee lease income. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr.

*****Kristy Bull Shoe left the meeting at 11:31 AM (7)*****

*****Michael Comes At Night left the meeting at 11:31 AM (6)*****

Shelly Hall AMENDED her motion to reflect the bank account is for Non-Trust Revenue. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

LAND DEPARTMENT: Bill Old Chief, Land Department Director and Shonnie Gilham, Land Dept. Employee, were present at the meeting to discuss budget issues. No action.

*****Kristy Bull Shoe entered the meeting at 11:45 AM (7)*****

*****Michael Comes At Night entered the meeting at 11:45 AM (8)*****

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. entered the meeting at 11:51 AM (9)*****

JULIE RENVILLE/LAND ISSUE: Julie Renville was present at the meeting to discuss a lot in East Glacier.

The issue will be addressed in the next Land Board Meeting.

DE LA SALLE STUDENTS: Da La Salle students were present at the meeting to request funding for a trip.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR DE LA SALLE STUDENTS: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve \$3000.00 for the De La Salle Students. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr. Motion carried unanimously. (9) Excerpt {#E2025-04}

HONORING/ALBERT HARRY SALWAY: Albert Harry Salway was honored for his years of service to the Blackfeet Tribe and gifts were presented.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 12:45 PM (8)*****

CARBON CREDITS: Dylan DesRosier was present at the meeting to request a Resolution regarding Forest Carbon Credits.

The issue will be addressed by the Legal Department. No action.

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 1:01 PM (7)*****

*****Michael Comes at Night left the meeting at 1:01 PM (6)*****

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 1:05 PM (5)*****

COURT ORDERS/STATE: discussion with state officials (via zoom) regarding recognition of Tribal Court Orders.

Lengthy discussion.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 1:28 PM (6)*****

COURT ORDERS/STATE (CONTINUED): further discussion.

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. left the meeting at 1:45 PM (5)*****

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 1:53 PM (6)*****

CLOSED SESSION: the meeting went into closed session, and the Recording Secretary was excused.

RESUME: the meeting resumed at 4:15 PM with the following present to constitute a quorum of seven (7) members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.
Iliff Kipp Sr.
Cleo Main

Shelly Hall
Kristy Bull Shoe

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Everett Armstrong

MONTANA PUBLIC RADIO: Derek Kline, Special Counsel, was present at the meeting to discuss a lease with Montana public radio at Hausman Hill. No action.

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:17 PM (6)*****

LEGAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Discussion with Derek Kline, Special Counsel, provided an update to the BTBC.

*****Michael Comes at Night entered the meeting at 4:30 PM (7)*****

INFR CONTESTANTS: discussion regarding the INFR contestants.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 4:31 PM (8)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:32 PM (7)*****

INFR CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED): Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve \$500.00 for each INFR contestant. Second by Iliff Kipp Sr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. WITHDREW his motion. I Iliff Kipp Senior WITHDREW his second.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 4:48 PM (6)*****

LEGAL ACTIONS: Legal actions were taken.

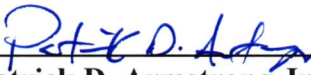
*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 5:03 PM (7)*****

CIVIC EYE DOCS SYSTEMS FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES: lengthy discussion. No action.

RECESS: meeting recessed at 6:08 PM (7)

erc

APPROVED:



Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 17, 2024
10:53 AM**

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.
Michael Comes at Night

Shelly Hall
Iliff Kipp Sr.

Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Cleo Main

INVOCATION: Derek Kline gave the prayer.

Kristy Bullshoe entered the meeting at 10:52 A.M. (8)

MANPOWER/CLOSED SESSION: Christy Horn, Manpower Employee was present at the meeting to discuss a confidential issue with the BTBC.

Lengthy discussion.

CONFIDENTIAL EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#E2025-10}

PERSONNEL ISSUES/MANPOWER PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): discussion regarding Personnel Issues at the Manpower Program.

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

Iliff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 12:40 PM (7)

CREDIT DEPARTMENT AND BOARD (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding the Credit Department and Credit Board. No action.

*****Iloff Kipp Sr. entered the meeting at 12:52 PM (8)*****

MANPOWER PROGRAM (CLOSED SESSION): George Kipp IV, Manpower Director; and Agnes Black Weasel, Blackfeet Child Support, were present at the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

CLOSED SESSION: the meeting went into closed session, and the recording Secretary was excused.

RESUME: the meeting resumed at 3:49 PM with the following members present to constitute a quorum of eight (8) members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.	Shelly Hall	Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford Jr.	Iloff Kipp Sr.	Cleo Main
Kristy Bullshoe	Michael Comes At Night	

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

*****Iloff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 4:05 PM (7)*****

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

APPROVING FUNDS FOR YOUTH INFR CONTESTANTS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve \$500 each for ten (10) youth INFR Contestants in the total amount of \$5000.00 from the Buildings and General budget, with the individuals to provide Community Service. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2025-07}

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:28 PM (6)*****

CLARIFYING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BLACKFEET CHILD-SUPPORT PROGRAM UNDER THE CHAIN OF COMMAND OF MANPOWER DIRECTOR: Shelly Hall made a motion by resolution to clarify the Administrator of the Blackfeet Child-Support Program under the chain of command of Manpower Dir. Second by Michael Comes at Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. entered the meeting at 4:35 PM (7)*****

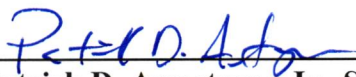
APPROVING UPDATED TRIBAL HEALTH WAGE SCALE (2024) FOR NURSING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING POSITIONS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to Approve the Updated Tribal Health Wage Scale (2024) for nursing and substance abuse counseling positions. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REMOVING PO'KA RANCH FROM AGRICULTURE LEASE STATUS TO REMAIN UNDER THE BLACKFEET TRIBE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to remove the Po'Ka Ranch from Agriculture Lease status to remain under the Blackfeet Tribe for Economic Development. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

RECESS: the meeting recessed at 4:47 PM (7)

erc

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 4, 2024
1:50 P.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.

Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Everett Armstrong

Kristy Bullshoe

Cleo Main

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE: Cleo Main made a motion to Waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING FUNDS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR THE TRIBAL OFFICE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve \$1,500.00 from the Buildings and General budget for Christmas decorations for the Tribal Office. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 FOR THE INTERIOR DESIGN OF THE HOLLAND HOUSE (CLOSED SESSION): Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#42-2025} to approve a budget not to exceed \$30,000.00 with funds to be determined by the Treasurer for the interior design of the Holland House. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

REQUESTING BLACKFEET BOARDING DORMITORY GOVERNMENT HOUSING PREFERENCE FOR BLACKFEET BOARDING DORMITORY BIE AND TRIBAL EMPLOYEES: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#45-2025} to request Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory Government Housing preference for Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory BIE and Tribal Employees. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

ESTABLISHING LAW ENFORCEMENT RECEIVE PREFERENCE FOR THE “BORDER PATROL HOMES”: Kristy Bullshoe made a motion by Resolution {#77-2025} to establish Law Enforcement receive preference for the “Border Patrol Homes”. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

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

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting went into Closed Session at 2:40 P.M.; and the Recording Secretary was excused.

RESUME: The meeting resumed at 3:15 P.M. with the following present to constitute a quorum of six (6) members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.	Shelly Hall	Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford Jr.	Cleo Main	Kristy Bullshoe

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION (CLOSED SESSION): Resolution {#44-2025}

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 3:34 P.M. (5)*****

NURTURING CENTER: Carl Mclean, Nurturing Center Director, was present at the meeting to discuss funding.

*****Everett Armstrong entered the meeting at 3:55 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING FY 2024 NURTURING CENTER P.L. 93-638 CARRY-OVER FUNDS: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve the FY 2024 Nurturing Center P.L. 93-638 Carry-Over funds. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Patrick Armstrong Jr. left the meeting at 4:10 P.M. (6)*****

*****Everett Armstrong left the meeting at 4:35 P.M. (5)*****

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The meeting went into Executive Session.

CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#EX2025-12}

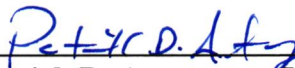
CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#EX2025-13}

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

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 5:45 P.M. (5)

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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
GENERAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 7, 2024
10:00 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.
Iloff Kipp Sr.**

**Shelly Hall
Everett Armstrong**

**Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Michael Comes At Night**

INVOCATION: GG Kipp gave the prayer.

AGENDA: Items were added to the Agenda.

*****Cleo Main entered the meeting at 10:11 A.M. (7)*****

HONORARY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Honorary Women's Council members were present at the meeting to discuss a special meeting, a van, Per Capita, hardship, beautification and the Liquor Ordinance sale hours.

Further discussion regarding the White Buffalo Home, Per Capita and Thanksgiving.

HONORARY MEN'S COUNCIL: Honorary Men's Council Members were present at the meeting to discuss the Chairmanship for Honorary Men's Council, litter, alcoholism the Ceded Strip, suicide awareness, tax exemptions and the Honorary Council budget.

DORIS FITZGERALD/SMALL BUSINESS: Doris Fitzgerald was present at the meeting to discuss her small business and purchasing preference.

*****Michael Comes At Night left the meeting at 12:50 P.M. (6)*****

LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to direct Programs and Departments to utilize purchasing from Local Businesses. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (8)

SECURITY DEPARTMENT: Dana Salway, Security Department, was present at the meeting to request BTBC action for office space, uniforms, training and radios.

No action.

*****Michael Comes At Night left the meeting at 1:09 P.M. (7)*****

KATHLEEN BULL CALF/AUTISM AWARENESS: Kathleen Bull Calf and Keyshawna Wolf tail were present at the meeting to discuss autism awareness.

No action.

*****Iloff Kipp Sr. left the meeting at 1:20 P.M. (6)*****

AUTISM AWARENESS: Further discussion.

*****Michael Comes At Night entered the meeting at 1:46 P.M. (7)*****

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

2024 PERCAPITA PAYMENT: Discussion regarding the 2024 Per capita payment. No action.

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. left the meeting at 1:15 P.M. (6)*****

HDR ENGINEERING/IRSLAN SHAHID: Irs lan Shahid, HDR Engineering, was present at the meeting (via Zoom) to discuss the Splash Pad project. No action.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 2:43 P.M. (5)*****

*****Michael Comes At Night entered the meeting at 3:03 P.M. (6)*****

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Paulette Butterfly, Planning Department Director, was present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

PLACING MANAGEMENT OF ALL CHIEF'S PARK UNDER THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to place the Management of All Chief's Park under the Blackfeet Planning Department. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

Management of All Chief's Park under the Blackfeet Planning Department. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. entered the meeting at 3:17 P.M. (7)*****

ALVIN REEVIS: Alvin Reeves was present at the meeting to discuss various issues.

No action.

APPROVING AGRICULTURE LEASE FOR RICHARD ADAMSON: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve an Agriculture Lease for Richard Adamson. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried with a vote of six (6) FOR; one (1) ABSTAINED, Cleo Main. (6-0-1) (7)

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 506-2024 APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE P.L. 93-638 BLACKFEET TRIBAL COURT CONTRACT WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FY 2025: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 506-2024 approving submission of the P.L. 93-638 Blackfeet Tribal Court Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for FY 2025. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING THE FY 2025 BLACKFEET TRIBAL COURT JUDICIAL SERVICES BUDGET: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Blackfeet Tribal Court Judicial Services budget in the amount of \$5,095.20 from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (7) Excerpt {#E2025-14}

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve the Planning Department to submit the following Grant Applications:

- 1. Cultural Interpretive Signage**
- 2. SMART Goals and Long-Term Tourism Plan**
- 3. Steering Committee and Professional Project Management**
- 4. Seasonal Planning and Visitor Flow Management**
- 5. Comprehensive Site Analysis and Mapping**
- 6. Completion of Key Tourism Projects in Browning**
- 7. Tourism Website Development**
- 8. Tourism Corridor Plan**

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

APPROVING PAYMENT TO POLARIS CONSULTING, LLC FOR SERVICES

RENDERED: Michael Comes At Night made a motion by Resolution to approve payment in the amount of \$107,418.43 from the Buildings and General budget to Polaris Consulting, LLC for services rendered. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#53-2025}

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#52-2025}

APPROVING HDR TASK ORDER NO. 2024-03 FOR THE ALL CHIEFS PARK

SPLASH PAD PROJECT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the HDR Task Order No. 2024-03 for the All Chief's Park Splash Pad project. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

APPROVING MODIFICATION #1 MUTUAL OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS (RMTLC) STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS & SERVICES IN INDIAN COUNTRY GRANT AND TRIBAL HEALTH:

Michael Comes At Night made a motion by Resolution to approve Modification #1 MOU between Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders and Blackfeet Tribal Health. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (7)

*****Rodney Gervais Jr. left the meeting at 4:22 P.M. (6)*****

GAMING (CLOSED SESSION): Mina Kipp, Gaming Director, was present at the meeting to update the BTBC.

Lengthy discussion. No action.

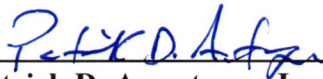
FAMILY SERVICES (CLOSED SESSION): Carrie Spotted Bear, Acting Family Services Director; and Taylee Spoonhunter, Acting Assistant Family Services Director, were present at the meeting to request BTBC action.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Everett Armstrong made a Motion to Adjourn. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting at Adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

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APPROVED:



**Patrick D. Armstrong Jr., Secretary
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BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 5, 2024

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| 1. November 18, 2024 | Executive Session |
| 2. November 20, 2024 | Special Session |
| 3. November 25, 2024 | Special Session |
| 4. November 27, 2024 | Special Session |



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**MINUTES OF THE
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EXECUTIVE SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 18, 2024
2:45 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 five (5)
Executive members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.
Cleo Main

Shelly Hall
Kristy Bullshoe

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION/AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MONTANA PUBLIC RADIO FOR BUILDING SPACE IN THE BLACKFEET NATION'S TELECOM BUILDING AND TOWER POLE AT THE HAUSMAN HILL COMMUNICATIONS SITE (CLOSED SESSION): Shelly Hall made a motion by Executive Action to authorize a Lease with the University of Montana, Montana Public Radio for Building Space in the Blackfeet Nation's telecom building and tower pole at the Hausman Hill Communications Site for 5-years with the option to renegotiate; at the rate of \$100.00 a month. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (5)

{This Action was reaffirmed November 20, 2024.}

TRIBAL HEALTH/CARE CENTER (CLOSED SESSION): Garland Stiffarm, Tribal Health CEO, was present at the meeting to discuss the Licensure and Administrator for the Blackfeet Care Center.

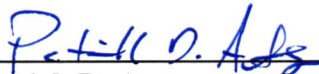
Lengthy discussion with the BTBC and Legal Department.

CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE EXCERPT (CLOSED SESSION): Excerpt {#EX2025-15}

ADJOURNMENT: Shelly Hall made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (5) The Meeting at Adjourned at 4:27 P.M.

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**MINUTES OF THE
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SPECIAL SESSION
TRIBAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 20, 2024
9:54 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.

Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Kristy Bullshoe

Cleo Main

INVOCATION: Kristy Bullshoe gave the prayer.

APPROVING INCREASE OF 2024 PER CAPITA PAYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION PLAN: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#67-2025} to approve an increase in the 2024 Per Capita Payment from \$200.00 to \$250.00 and the 2024 Per Capita Distribution Plan. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL ACTIONS: Confidential actions were taken.

REAFFIRMING EXECUTIVE EXCERPT NO. EX2025-19 "APPROVING 2024 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION PLAN AND OVERTIME FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING THE CHECK DISTRIBUTION": Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to reaffirm Executive Excerpt No. EX2025-19 "Approving 2024 Per Capita Distribution Plan and Overtime for Employees Working the Check Distribution", not to exceed 24 hours. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

REAFFIRMING AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MONTANA PUBLIC RADIO FOR BUILDING SPACE IN THE BLACKFEET NATION'S TELECOM BUILDING AND ON TOWER POLE AT THE HAUSMAN HILL COMMUNICATIONS SITE: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#62-2025} to reaffirm Executive action taken November 18, 2024 to authorize a Lease with the University of Montana, Montana Public Radio for building space in the Blackfeet Nation's Telecom Building and on tower pole at the Hausman Hill Communications Site. Second by Kristy Bullshoe. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

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

TRIBAL COURT PROSECUTOR POSITION: Discussion. No action.

TRESSPASS ISSUE: Discussion regarding a trespass issue.

Item was TABLED.

CEDS GRANT/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Discussion regarding the CEDS Grant. No action.

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE 2024 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS PROGRAM; TRIBAL TRANSIT PROGRAM: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#59-2025} to approve the submission of the 2024 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF CONSUMER RECYCLING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (REO) GRANT FOR THE BLACKFEET ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE: Kristy Bullshoe made a motion by Resolution {#63-2025} to approve the submission of Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant for the Blackfeet Environmental Office. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING ONE (1) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE 2024 HIP WORK PLAN CATEGORY B: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#58-2025} to approve one (1) Eligible Participant for Home Improvement under the 2024 HIP Work Plan Category B. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING DOWL TASK ORDER 2023-01 FOR THE TWO MEDICINE CANAL INTERIM SLIDE REPAIRS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#60-2025} to approve DOWL Task Order 2023-01 for the Two Medicine Canal interim slide repairs. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING DOWL TASK ORDER 2023-02 FOR THE TWO MEDICINE CANAL INTERIM SLIDE REPAIR ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#61-2025} to approve DOWL Task Order 2023-02 for the Two Medicine Canal interim slide repair Alternatives Evaluation. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

LEGAL UPDATE: Derek Kline, Special Counsel, provided an update. No action.

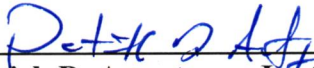
REVENUE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Discussion regarding the Revenue Department budget. No action.

EARLY DISMISSAL/THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion to approve an Early Dismissal for Tribal Programs/Departments on Wednesday November 27, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. Second by Shelly Hall. Motion carried unanimously. (6)
Excerpt {#E2025-20}

RECESS: The meeting Recessed at 11:15 A.M. (6)

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**MINUTES OF THE
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SPECIAL SESSION
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 25, 2024
10:52 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.

Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Everett Armstrong

Cleo Main

INVOCATION: Everett Armstrong gave the prayer.

CREDIT COMMITTEE: Discussion regarding the Credit Committee. No action.

APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE BLACKFEET CREDIT DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, REGARDING CREDIT COMMITTEE COMPENSATION, MEETINGS AND DELINQUENT LOANS: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#69-2025} to approve the Second Amendment to the Blackfeet Credit Department Policies and Procedures, regarding Credit Committee Compensation, Meetings and Delinquent Loans. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

AMENDING EXCERPT NO. E2025-11 APPROVING FUNDS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to amend Excerpt No. E2025-11 to reflect that the \$2,000.00 for Christmas Decorations will be taken from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2025-23}

CORRECTION/RESOLUTION NO. 45-2025 “REQUESTING HOUSING IN THE BOARDING SCHOOL AREA FOR BLACKFEET BOARDING DORM TRIBAL EMPLOYEES: Shelly Hall stated language in Resolution No. 45-2025 will need to be corrected.

The issue will be addressed with the Legal and Documents Departments.

STAGELINE/BUDGET ISSUE: Discussion. No action.

HONORARY COUNCIL STIPENDS: Cleo Main made a motion to approve \$200 per meeting per member for the Honorary Men’s and Women’s Council. Second by Everett Armstrong. Discussion.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. left the meeting at 11:39 A.M. (5)*****

HONORARY COUNCIL STIPENDS (CON’T.): Cleo Main WITHDREW her motion. Everett Armstrong WITHDREW his second.

HONORARY COUNCIL STIPENDS (CON’T.): Further discussion. No action.

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 11:50 A.M. (5)

RECONVENE: the meeting Reconvened at 12:12 P.M. with the following present to constitute a Quorum of six (6) members:

Rodney Gervais Jr.	Shelly Hall	Patrick Armstrong Jr.
Thomas Rutherford Jr.	Everett Armstrong	Cleo Main

PATRICK YAWAKIE/LOBBYIST: Patrick Yawakie, Lobbyist, was present at the meeting to discuss a Proposal for the 2025 Montana State Legislature Session.

APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PATRICK YAWAKIE WITH RED MEDICINE, LLC TO SERVE AS LOBBYIST ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AT THE 2024 MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution to approve a Professional Services Contract with Patrick Yawakis with Red Medicine, LLC to serve as Lobbyist on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe at the 2024 Montana State Legislature. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

LEGAL UPDATE (CLOSED SESSION): Derek Kline, Special Counsel, provided an update.

LEGAL ACTIONS: Legal actions were taken.

EXTENDING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH HATFIELD & DAWSON CONSULTING ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#87-2025} to extend the Sole Source Contract with Hatfield & Dawson Consulting Electrical Engineers to December 31, 2025. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING CREDIT CARD FOR TRANSIT TO PURCHASE STARLINK EQUIPMENT AND SUBSCRIPTION: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a Motion by Resolution {#65-2025} to approve credit card for Transit to purchase Starlink equipment and subscription. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING RELEASE OF RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL FOR THE TRAILHEAD SALOON PROPERTY: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the release of Right of First Refusal for the Trailhead Saloon Property. Second by Shelly Hall.

{This item was revisited later in the meeting.}

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

PERSONNEL ISSUE (CLOSED SESSION): Discussion regarding a personnel issue.

Lengthy discussion.

*****Thomas Rutherford Jr. entered the meeting at 2:34 P.M. (6)*****

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#79-2025}

GRIEVANCE BOARD: Discussion regarding the Grievance Board composition. No action.

*****Cleo Main left the meeting at 2:55 P.M. (5)*****

ELDERLY FIREWOOD PROGRAM: Discussion regarding the distribution process of fire wood for the Elderly Firewood Program. No action.

*****Cleo Main entered the meeting at 3:10 P.M. (6)*****

APPROVING RELEASE OF RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL FOR THE TRAILHEAD SALOON PROPERTY: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution {#72-2025} to approve the release of Right of First Refusal for the Trailhead Saloon property. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Paulette Butterfly, Planning Department Director, was present at the meeting to discuss a Sole Source Contract for the CEDS Grant, funding for a retreat to discuss the Community Economic Development Strategy, and the Heart Butte Arbor project.

SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT/CENTER FOR RURAL OUTREACH & PUBLIC SERVICE FOR CEDS GRANT: Shelly Hall made a motion to approve a Sole Source Contract with Center for Rural Outreach & Public Services for the CEDS Grant. Second by Everett Armstrong.

Discussion.

Shelly Hall WITHDREW her motion. Everett Armstrong WITHDREW his second.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT/TOURISM WEBSITE: Paulette Butterfly requested BTBC action to approve the Tourism website to be added to blackfeetnation.com. It was stated there is no action needed for this item.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT/SOLE SOURCE: Paulette Butterfly stated a Sole Source Contract will need BTBC Action.

Further discussion will be held.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SEND A RESPONSE LETTER TO THE STATE OF MONTANA FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS DIRECTOR: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to authorize the BTBC Chairman to send a response letter to the State of Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks Director Dustin Temple regarding Treaty hunting rights near Yellowstone National Park and in the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2025-24}

STAGELINE PIZZA/EAST GLACIER MONTANA: Lionel Kennerly, Treasurer; and William Edwards, Stageline Manager, were present at the meeting to request funding for the business.

APPROVING FY 2025 BUDGET FOR STAGELINE PIZZA: Everett Armstrong made a motion by Resolution {#68-2025} to approve a Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for Stageline Pizza in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 from the Buildings and General budget. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of four (4) FOR: two (2) OPPOSED, Thomas Rutherford Jr. & Cleo Main. (4-2) (6)

Cleo Main stated for the record that the Council should have all financial statements in writing from Stageline Pizza and the hand written breakdown does not provide enough information.

APPROVING FUNDS FOR MAURICE REDHORN JR.: Everett Armstrong made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 from the Community Services budget for Maurice Redhorn Jr. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried with a vote of five (5) FOR; one (1) ABSTAIN, Thomas Rutherford Jr. (5-0-1) (6) Excerpt {#E2025-25}

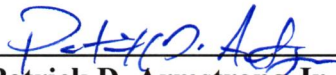
BTBC MINUTES: Presented to the BTBC were the October 3, 2024 General Session; the October 8, 2024 Special Session; the October 16, 2024 Special Session; the October 17, 2024 Special Session; the November 4, 2024 Special Session; the November 7, 2024 General Session and the November 7, 2024 Enrollment Minutes.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

ADJOURNMENT: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Cleo Main. Motion carried unanimously. (6) The Meeting at Adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

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APPROVED:



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



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**MINUTES OF THE
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
LEGAL CONFERENCE ROOM
NOVEMBER 27, 2024
10:37 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.

Shelly Hall

Patrick Armstrong Jr.

Thomas Rutherford Jr.

Everett Armstrong

Michael Comes At Night

WAIVER/48-HOUR NOTICE: Shelly Hall made a motion to waive the 48-Hour Notice of Meeting. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING FUNDING REQUEST TO THE BIA FOR FY 2025 ATTORNEY FEES FOR WATER COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION AND ADJUDICATION MATTERS:

Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the title.

Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#76-2025} to approve a funding request to the BIA for FY 2025 Attorney fees for Water Compact Implementation and Adjudication Matters. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING TASK ORDER NO. 2024-04 WITH HDR FOR WILLOW CREEK

WATERSHED: Thomas Rutherford Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve Task Order No. 2024-02 with HDR for the Willow Creek Watershed project. Second by Everett Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR KWEBB GALBREATH, WILLIAM OLD CHIEF AND KEVIN RACINE FOR USDA, NRCS AND FSA PROGRAMS AND FUNDS FOR TRIBAL LANDS: Patrick Armstrong Jr. reads the title.

Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution {#75-2025} to approve Signatory Authority for KWebb Galbreath, William Old Chief and Kevin Racine for USDA, NRCS and FSA Programs and Funds for Tribal Lands. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING UPDATED CODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 5 CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND TRAFFIC LAWS IN THE 1967 BLACKFEET LAW AND ORDER CODE, AS AMENDED: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion by Resolution to approve the updated Codification of Chapter 5 Criminal Offenses and Traffic Laws in the 1967 Blackfeet Law and Order Code, as amended. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

DIRECTING ALL BIA CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING P.L. 93-638 CONTRACTS BE RELAYED TO ALL BTBC MEMBERS: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to direct that all BIA correspondence regarding P.L. 93-638 emergency matters be relayed to all BTBC Members. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

APPROVING DISCLAIMER AND RELINQUISHMENT OF INHERITANCE OF TRUST AND/OR RESTRICTED LAND INTERESTS WHICH ARE UNDER FIVE PERCENT (5%) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEONARD JAMES LAHR, DECEASED: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve disclaimer and relinquishment of inheritance of Trust and/or Restricted Land Interests which are under five percent (5%) in the matter of Estate of Leonard James Lahr, deceased. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: A personnel action was taken.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#80-2025}

ADVERTISEMENT/BLACKFEET CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

ADMINISTRATOR: Shelly Hall made a motion to Advertise the Blackfeet Child and Family Services Program Administrator position. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2025-22}

DIRECTING STAGELINE PIZZA, EAST GLACIER MONTANA TO PROVIDE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE BTBC: Shelly Hall made a motion to direct Stageline Pizza, East Glacier, Montana to provide monthly Financial Statements to all BTBC Members. Second by Thomas Rutherford Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#78-2025}

APPROVING CARL KIPP AS PROJECT INSPECTOR FOR BLACKFEET BOARDING DORMITORY: Shelly Hall made a motion by Resolution to approve Carl Kipp as the Project Inspector for Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory. Second by Patrick Armstrong Jr. Motion carried unanimously. (6)

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR POSITION: Discussion regarding the B.I.E Program Administrator Position. No action.

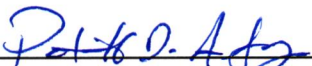
CONFIDENTIAL PERSONNEL RESOLUTION: Resolution {#74-2025}

APPROVING FUNDS FOR ROOMS FOR REFEREES/NATIVE AMERICAN CLASSICS: Patrick Armstrong Jr. made a motion to approve (not to exceed) \$2,500.00 from the Buildings and General budget for twenty-one (21) rooms for referees during the Native American Classics. Second by Michael Comes At Night. Motion carried unanimously. (6) Excerpt {#E2025-21}

RECESS: The meeting recessed at 2:02 P.M. (6)

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APPROVED:



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