



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Monica Mayer called the meeting to order at 1:39PM.

PRAYER:

Prayer by Councilman Randy Phelan.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, Councilman Randy Phelan (standing in for Councilman Mervin Packineau), Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **October 3rd, 2016 Economic Development Committee minutes.**

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association Education Resolution - *Ryan Wilson, Advocate*

Support resolution for Native American Education Infrastructure commitments to the Trump Administration transition team. Update provided concerning National Indian Education concerns and upcoming meetings. Asked for the tribes to present testimony at upcoming Senate Budget Oversight Hearings. Emergency Education Summit in Washington, DC in late February 2017, House Interior Appropriations Hearings, Tribal Interior Council/BIE Budget, OMB meeting, Indian School inclusion in Infrastructure Bill.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward Support Resolution to the January 12th, 2017 Tribal Business Council meeting. Councilman Randy Phelan seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- **7 Step Plan Endorsement**

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to forward to the January 12th, 2017 Tribal Business Council meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.



B. Tourism – Darian Morsette, Director

Provided Update/report. Briefly described the meetings and events that his office has been attending, including meetings in Bismarck with the ND Native Tourism Alliance Board. He sat in a meeting for Tourism Economic Development advocating for the development of Indian Business Development. Also the budget for dance performances; equipment needed; Spot Analysis for MHA Tourism budget justification. He is finalizing marketing with Results Unlimited and is also working with Cliff Whitman on safety issues at the Earthlodge Village. They have extended RPF for Interpretive Center, and will bring proposals to next meeting. Additionally, Delphine Baker is the lead on the Interpretive Center project. Cheryl Bruce informed the Committee that Delphine Baker is on leave to be with her husband (medical issue) but will provide a summary of the project and she has a team working with her (is finalizing bids). Darian Morsette stated he will bring a Strategic Marketing Plan to next meeting for review. Councilwoman Mayer expressed that the Interpretive Center needs to be completed as soon as possible.

C. TERO – Charles Foote, Director

Quarterly Report to be presented at the next Economic Development Committee meeting. Everything is moving fairly well at TERO, and things have slowed down due to the price of oil. He stated that in this slow down, trainings have been conducted, but his front office is still fairly busy. The new Commission is active and are mostly looking at policy changes (they regularly hold meetings) He is concerned with the budget and feels that it needs to be finalized, so they can move ahead. Councilman Randy Phelan stated that when the Tribal Business Council met, they approved departments to operate on 75% of their budgets which were approved at the same amount as last year. He said TERO is staying at what they had last year, and to operate on 75% of that number for now.

Charles Foote stated that he has 4 employees who are still waiting for their salary increases and he needs 2 more trucks right away. Councilman Randy Phelan stated their POs should still be signed and processed, based on the 75% budget. Charles said it's hard to estimate what that amount is, which Councilman Phelan responded that is your job to make determinations on your budget.

Councilwoman Mayer stated once we see your Quarterly Reports, we can possibly offer assistance with your budget. Remember you are a standing item for the Economic Development Committee. Charles Foote mentioned that he was looking at trucks in Bismarck to purchase for the program. Presented a handout that outlines the duties of the TERO office and noted that they are not a policy making entity. Mr. Foote was concerned with the loss of training dollars, as it is now under 477. Councilman Phelan noted the FY '17 budget funds can be set for training if needed. Councilman Mayer stated the committee is requesting a written copy of the quarterly report. Councilman Spotted Bear asked for a detailed scope of work at the next meeting.

D. Planning and Grants – Shelia Many Ribs



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Sheila Many Ribs of Planning and Grants provided a departmental update. She is working on the ferry study, which is funded by a TIGER Grant for Transportation and is working on the contracts. Councilman Phelan stated 3 years ago, under Chairman Hall-the MHA Nation applied for a TIGER Grant to conduct a feasibility study for a bridge between Mandaree and Twin Buttes. Sheila Many Ribs noted that the Ferry Study is being worked on for now, and they will have a consultant soon. She informed the Committee of a mitigation plan, and has a grant to pay a consultant (working with all departments). She will have a written report at next meeting.

E. Housing Services Program – Lawrence Baker, Director
Item deferred.

F. Business Loans - Toni Starr, Director
Item deferred.

G. Proposed Business Licenses - Legal Dept.
Item deferred.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. MHA Tourism Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker
Item deferred.

B. TAT Mortgage Program - Adam Fredericks

Adam Fredericks presented his issue with the Home Mortgage Department. He has been on the waiting list with a complete application for over 3 years, but has still not received a home. He would like to have an update as to when he will receive his home mortgage? He currently has a home site and lives in a trailer with no running water. Councilman Spotted Bear said he knows there are 42 applications completed and waiting on budget funding. Mr. Fredericks stated that he knows there are applicants who applied after him, and who were further on the list than he was, however they already are living in their homes. Councilman Spotted Bear asked him how he knows where he was on the list, to which Adam replied because I saw the list, she showed me where I was on the list. People behind me on the list got a home first, and I would like to know why. Councilman Randy Phelan said because they pick and choose who gets homes. Councilwoman Mayer asked who the Home Mortgage Program reports to? Councilman Cory Spotted Bear stated Home Mortgage needs to present at the Economic Development Committee meetings as a standing item. Cheryl Bruce stated that the Home Mortgage Program reports directly to Whitney Bell, CFO, and they have a loan committee established. Councilwoman Mayer gave Janet Thomas a directive to have Mr. Nygard ensure that the Home Mortgage Program present at every Economic Development committee to provide an update. She also asked Mr. Fredericks to meet with Mr. Nygard. Councilman Phelan said the



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Business Loans should be separated from the Home Mortgage as the home mortgages get put on the back burner.

C. MHA Enterprise – Pete Coffey Jr., Board President

MHA Enterprise representative Pete Coffey Jr, Tilden Bird and Cheryl Cedar Face presented an update at the request of Councilwoman Monica Mayer. She wanted to know where they were at in regards to the radio tower being repaired and back on the air. The elders rely on the radio and the newspaper to be informed of events, as they do not rely on the internet or social media. Pete Coffey stated the microwave transmitter needed to be repaired to allow the signal to be sent to the tower in Mandaree to be aired on the radio. The part will cost approximately \$450 to repair. To replace the equipment, which should be done, will be roughly \$13,000. They are still working with the Chairman's office and CEO to get the past due IRS payments and for the radio repair. The light is out on the tower, and needs to be replaced soon. Pete Coffey stated he has worked with Mike Howe who can repair the light, as he has done so in the past. Cheryl Cedar Face reported that they received CPB monies and currently have \$154,000 in their account, but it can only be spent on specific items. They are working diligently on paying the IRS for past due bills.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:35PM.



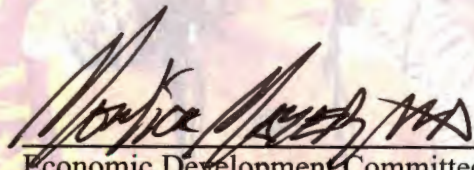
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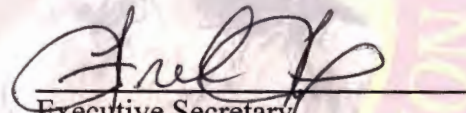
I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Economic Development Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 21st day of December, 2016; that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 3 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 Members not voting.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:



Economic Development Committee Chairwoman
Councilwoman Monica Mayer
Tribal Business Council
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Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
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