



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Monica Mayer called the meeting to order at 1:38PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, Councilman Frank Grady (Sitting in for Councilman Mervin Packineau), and Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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- **2/23/2017 Economic Minutes.**

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to approve the February 23rd, 2017 Economic Development Committee meeting minutes subject to corrections. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Tourism – *Darian Morsette, Director*
Item deferred.

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B. Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) – *Charles Foote, Administrator*

The Tribal Employment Rights Office is still operating on figures calculated from the interim budget. The final budget still isn't signed yet but it will be submitted tomorrow. The Quarterly Report will ready for the next meeting. Current budget is from 0040 tribal fund and allocated at \$3.28 million with \$4.2 million in revenue and actual revenue at \$1 million that returns to the General Fund. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear noted that the Department is tribally funded. Councilwoman Monica Mayer recommended that a salary needs assessment be presented to the next Economic Committee so it can be forwarded to TBC. Oil has picked up. Charles Foote expressed the need for increase funding for staff. There will be a meeting with the Indian contractors to gather their input. Discussion of the issue of fronting companies using Indian Preference and the requirements for them to own their own equipment. Mr. Foote offered an opposing viewpoint that many companies see a financial benefit to leasing equipment. Most Indian contractors don't have the capital and the same flexibility. Councilwoman Monica Mayer requested an organizational chart and staffing needs for the next meeting.



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C. Planning and Grants – Sheila Many Ribs, Director

The Director elaborated on the Tiger Grant that will be used to fund the Ferryboat project. The Fort Berthold Transportation survey was presented and request to share the results with the community meetings. CTAS (D.O.J. & Law Enforcement) grants have been submitted. Councilwoman Monica Mayer expressed the need to expand our data capabilities through RIMS and develop a web based data collection portal to facilitate grant writing. Councilwoman Monica Mayer requested Al Nygard to bring the RIM's system back to the next committee meeting. Karen Day of Stantec Group presented a mitigation plan funded by FEMA to identify what hazards in each community. Back-ground data and GIS mapping is in progress. Gathering further information on fire and hail storm information from local sources.

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to forward the “Stantec Mitigation Plan,” for final approval to the April 19-20, 2017 Tribal Business Council. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

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D. Housing – Lawrence Baker, Director

Report a 65% budget cut barely supports salaries. I will be over spent over a half million. We have revenue which will probably need to use for this. We finished up a couple more houses. Councilwoman Monica Mayer expressed the need for programs revenue to go back into the program. We will look at this at the midyear budget meeting. Noted difficulty in collecting back-rent and the eviction process such as court leniency and enforcement. Lawrence Baker expressed the need to develop a court advocate to take care of this. Councilwoman Monica Mayer expressed the need to improve the Tribe's collection process. Has positions to hire but due to budget concerns has not advertised. Discussion of the program's budget uncertainties with the overall 25% overall cut's and how that effects the program. To be addressed at the mid-year budget meetings.

E. Small Loans – Mary Ellen Sun²
Item deferred.

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F. Business Loans - Toni Starr, Director

Submitted Business Loan report. The Business Loan Committee hasn't approved any of the 4 loans submitted today. Discussion of new credit back ground checks for the application process.



Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to approve #1 & #2 Business Loans submitted Lisa Young Bird Loan. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion.

Motion withdrawn.

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- G. TAT Mortgage Program – Whitney Bell, CFO & Valerie Mayer, Director**
Whitney Bell reported that the allocation budget for the year for the loan portion is \$4.4 million with \$2.58 million remaining. 7 loans approved by Tribal Business Council with some approved as buyouts. \$2.2 million obligated to Home loan and home improvement with \$500,000 to allocate to the next batch of 88 loans that will fall short. The next Home Mortgage Committee meeting is scheduled for April 12th. About 16 million expended on home mortgages since there are 56 delinquent loans that are being prepared for collections. Whitney Bell stated that Small Loans applicants that are appointees need a co-signer for requests over \$3,500. Will be looking to consider years of service as a new qualifier with differentiation between Tribal & Segment appointees. Discussion of the need for the Loan Committee to be approved resolution at the request of Councilman Randy Phelan.

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- H. MHA Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director**
Gave update on the project. Contract completed for DSCW. I just had meetings with Public Work, Sanitation, THPO, Rural water and the Engineers. Had a meeting with the Corp of Engineers to discuss construction approval. Construction Management at Risk Services has been advertised. An estimated September 2017 ground breaking.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward Construction Management at Risk Services to April TBC. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

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- I. Proposed Business Licenses – Legal Department**
Caleb Dogeagle wants to move all proposed business licenses to April TBC Meeting with the exception on one.

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to forward this issue April TBC with exception of one. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

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- A. M.E.C. – Clarence O’Berry**



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Presented four resolutions for contracts to exclude the tribe from classified information from D.S.S. (MEC Energies, Senior Management Group, FTSS, and Fuel Services. All read the same except for the name for these Defense contracts.

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to forward to April Tribal Business Council subject to Legal review. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

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B. Bail Runners – Terry Fredericks

Presented (vis phone) information on Return on Investment (ROI) & Profit & Loss projections on the investment, Deferred Compensation & Return, Preferred Compensation Capital Return, Net Profit, and internships or educational opportunities through the job training (OJT). Noted the possibility of developing a program to bring on 10 students to allow them to learn and work with 21st century. Seeking a \$1.25 million investment with a bond company to insure the movie is completed.

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved put on the April 19th Tribal Business Council. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

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C. Nativia Enterprises, LLC – Lisa Young Bird

Business Loan submitted in December to open a salon in Bismarck called the Fringe. I had to deal with the lot of the county, needed an appraisal. Has invested \$360,000 of her own money. Request is for \$44,000 that was qualified except appraisal and collateral. The Loan Committee met at the end of the month and requested an appraisal be done. Lisa Young Bird didn't want to do an appraisal on the collateral (property in New Town) she wanted to use. Discussion of the need to revisit the loan policy that the Loan Committee can approval Business Loans under \$75,000 without TBC or Economic Committee approval.

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to forward to April Tribal Business Council, if not addressed at the Loan Committee meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

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D. Ree Fit – Whirl Wind Perkins & Brad Krupa

Request for sponsorship for a Native Fitness (Cross-Fit) Competition for \$7,200. Requested funding to go to a Native Fitness Competition Easter weekend in White Shield on May 6th. The group has raised \$3,300 on our own. Funded at \$10,000 last year. We will bring the You Tube video to show Council.



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Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward to April Tribal Business Council with recommendation to fund. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion. Vote: 2-0-1. (Councilman Frank Grady-abstained). Motion carried.

E. Four Bears Casino – Patrick Packineau
Item deferred.

F. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC) – Dr. Twyla Baker-Demaray
Presented Report with discussion of budget with fund raising goals this summer. Noted that the Women’s Basketball team took the AIHEC Division II National Championship at the Student Conference. Men’s team took 4th place at Last week we came back from AHIEC. Next year AHIEC will be in Bismarck ND. National Basketball tournament will be held in New Town next year. Aggressively seeking grant funding but they limited indirect funding. Seeking clarification of the JTAC loan made to the College 12-15 years ago. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked CFO & CEO to look into. The College is addressing delinquent accounts at the college TAT employee sand set up and agreement for \$350,000 accounts. The billing for this will be going out April 1st. Discussion of 5 housing units in North Segment Alliance that need updates lease agreements. Presented a statewide economic impact study authored by NDATEC for 2016.

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G. Missouri River Resources (MRR) – David Williams
Presented a resolution, “*Investment in Missouri River Resources Wells along Little Missouri River*” was approved last TBC, for the loan of \$17 million. Presented the loan agreement with completed terms.

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to forward to April Tribal Business Council according to loan agreement. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

H. Thunder Butte Oil Refinery¹
Item deferred.

I. Fargo-Moorhead Cross Roads Annual Pow-Wow: - Scott Satermo
Seeking a sponsorship of \$27,000 for the three day Fargo Moorhead Cross Roads Pow-Wow committee. Raised over a \$100,000 last year. Our Pow Wow Committee is mostly Fort Berthold people. Scheels Sports is one of our major sponsorships. Posters will go out after they raise 50% of their budget. Would allow TAT members in for free like last year where we served 1000 tribal members. Last year the Tribe sponsored for \$20,000.



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Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to forward this financial Pow-wow request to the April 19-20, 2017 Tribal Business Council. (*Refer to Standing resolution; \$9,000 a day x 3 days*) Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to adjourn. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.





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CERTIFICATION

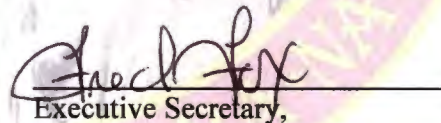
I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Economic Development Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 13th day of July ; 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 July, 2017.

ATTEST:



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