

CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Monica Mayer called to order at 1:48PM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Mervin Packineau, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, Councilwoman Monica Mayer. Quorum established.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 8th, 2019 Economic Development Committee minutes.

Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to approve the March 8th, 2019 minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Tourism - Darian Morsette, Director

MHA Tourism Schedule of events at the Earth Lodge Village submitted to the committee. Daily visitors will be driving in to the earth lodge village-Summer Hours will be 1:00 to 9:00 pm — weekends. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would consider help fund the Tourism Earth Lodge project and will bring up at the May TBC. Working on the geothermal heating. Staff will participate in training on geothermal if any problems arise. Discussion on the Tourism budget needs.

B. MHA DOT – Richard Hall, Director

Action item. Need space for DOT. Have money in budget to get a building. Old Rays TV Building. The building is sound, just some slight improvements. Councilman Mervin Packineau will look at it in the special projects budget. Councilwoman Monica Mayer is looking at the old North Segment building area to put all transportation departments. Add item to May TBC under DOT report. Will need to draft a Resolution.

C. Planning and Grant's – Sheila Many Ribs, Director

Submitted the March/April MHA Planning & Grants Report that included Travel & Training; Meeting Reports & updates on the Bush, CTAS, EPA, & CEDS grants.

Jolene Steele asked, who will be reviewing the Bush Foundation approval?

Councilwoman Monica Mayer recommends send everything to Tyra Wilkinson to review. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear inquired about the CBDG grant, who is



getting that this year, please have Sheila Many Ribs will let us know who will have that. \$3,833,672.00 total grant funds currently being applied for. Total \$3,506,706 in grants awarded and/or being administered.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward Planning & Grants to the May TBC. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- **D.** Tribal Housing Lawrence Baker, Director Item deferred.
- E. Small Loans Mary Ellen Sun Item deferred.
- F. Business Loans Toni Starr Item deferred.
- G. TAT Mortgage Program Whitney Bell, CFO; Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager, Training continues to include within the department for account receivable staff in entering data and loan information. All working training continues with direct software technicians with Loan Ledger for support and technical assistance of data system. Ongoing training as needed on loan data software program Loan Ledger, overview and training on the program for mortgage loan use and data entry information. Previous travel and training was located in Kerrville, Texas. Present and on-going training is held through web conference and teleconference as needed. All loan applications are reviewed for completion. If they are not complete, i.e., missing pertinent information, not enough income verification, etc. a loan officer will contact the applicant through telephone and also a letter to the address listed. Applicants have time to respond with the accurate information to assist in the completion of their application. The loan committee is presented with the application list with all completed apps for review and decision. Loan committee meetings present discussion and review of current policy or procedural issues, review loan applications in adherence to current policy, review loan budget, collections progress and totals, client correspondence, discuss client homeowner issues, discuss property tax review, report insurance claims and monitor annual insurance premium costs, and review any legal issues with legal staff, Circling Eagle Law. Our program focus has been implementing internal parameters to strengthen our Policies in regard to all loans and to ensure proper collection efforts are identified for each loan. Our program works with the TAT Construction Management department staff, specifically with Inspectors, in utilization of assigning reports and verifying the areas of home building projects and the locations of homes. This is to ensure contractor responsibility, fair pricing, and timeliness of all home construction projects. We work with their policies for contractor responsibilities in working on home projects such as local and state background verification on all contractor license, contractor insurance and references.



We are all working towards the common goal of ensuring the prevention of contractor abuse, waste and fraud in client projects. We continue to develop and create collection measures and efforts for all delinquent accounts is an on-going process and working sessions are continuous as we strengthen all areas to include documentation, correspondence, and legal advisement on procedures in regard to various homeowner issues that may arise. We are waiting for all Working Sessions confirmations to attend for a two day working session to go over all Loans Policies with staff, loan committee members, Legal staff and finance auditors. We continue to work with legal on enforcement of legal correspondence to default and delinquent loan clients with effort to enforce communication and payment on account. 23 delinquent loans have been sent over for further efforts from our attorney. 10 files will be getting final demand letters this week by way of Certified Mail. The 13 remaining files, are pending review on client's current account ledger statement. Collection staff is working on, in office, 16 accounts to send over if current efforts are not responded to by clients to make arrangements for their accounts. Data/Property Locations: On Reservation 165 loans. Out of State 38 loans, In State/Off Reservation 131 loans. Loan Data: Delinquent Status: 77 (25% delinquency rate), Default Status: 39 (13% default rate), Current Status: 183 (61% current rate), \$10,225,686.59 total collections from 2013-2019. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like to know about homes the tribe purchased from individuals. Home Mortgage is working on updating policy.

- H. MHA Interpretive Center Dephine Baker, Director Item deferred.
- I. 4Bears Casino Scott Wilson, Spencer Wilkinson Jr. Item deferred.
- J. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC) Twyla Baker, President Item deferred.
- K. Missouri River Resources (MRR) Dave Williams, CEO Item deferred.
- L. Mandaree Electronics Corporation (MEC) Clarence O'Berry, CEO Item deferred.
- M. Proposed Business Licenses Cynthia Monteau, Tax Director Item deferred.
- N. MHA Communications Delvin Driver Jr., Board Member Item deferred.
- O. Fort Berthold Housing Authority (FBHA) Toni Parisian, Director Add item to next TBC Re: Housing in Closed Session.



V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Cemetery Funds - Shell Creek - Wendi Wells

The 1st Congregational Church of Shell Village originated in 1910 and was erected in Shell Village in 1922. Upon the flooding of Elbowoods, the church was relocated in 1953 to its present location in Shell Creek, fifteen miles south of New Town. Some families have always maintained the graves of their loved ones. While other graves were neglected due to no family members left to care for them or they did not reside in the area. Throughout this time, a few individuals assumed the duties of maintaining the entire cemetery. In 1953, approximately 100 graves were transferred from Elbowoods to the Shell Creek Cemetery. To date, we cannot identify approximately 50 graves due to unreadable markers or no markers at all. We are currently in the process of mapping and identifying all graves at the Shell Creek cemetery. The original maps of the graves are being obtained from the Corps of Engineers. For the graves that were relocated in 1953. The maps list all names of the individuals who were placed in each cemetery on the reservation. In the summer of 2017" the gate for the cemetery gave way due to rotten wood posts that were anchoring it up. Livestock entered the cemetery entered the cemetery and desecrated the cemetery by knocking tombstones over and leaving animal waste. The gate has since been repaired. The Corps of Engineers provided this gate and fence for the cemetery in 1953. The Shell Creek Cemetery Board was established on September 30, 2018. A separate board was established for the cemetery since the church is not functioning. This came about through several families who have the same vision of maintaining the cemetery grounds and giving our ancestors the respect, acknowledgement and dignity that they deserve. Total request is \$151,526.12 plus 10% additional to cover any unforeseen costs of \$15,152.00 for a total of \$166,678.70. It was noted that there are many unmarked graves in Shell Creek Cemetery. Two Chiefs are buried there. Panels would work better than chain link fences, due to the snow. Committee suggested to work with Ed Hall, he has information on grave markings. Bring back to May TBC. Tanya Sand has GPS on the sites.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward to the May TBC. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

B. Home Renovation - Rose Davis

Requesting financial assistance to finish the renovation for the inside of her home. Requesting supplies only. Will make a loan if need be. Her home is located in Belcourt, N.D. They have put about \$25,000 into their home already that included new roof, siding, windows, and a new deck. The amount needed is \$14,531.26 to help finish the home. For houses off the reservation Chairman Fox has a program to assist elders up to 75%. Chairman Mark N. Fox would lean towards having all segments assist with \$1,000. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh might assist with more. It was



recommended that an agreement among segments be made so there is no need to go to TBC. North Segment office will route the paperwork.

C. Loan Request - Felicia Felix for Vincent Fox

Seeking assistance to purchase fathers' home after he father passed away. Currently awaiting finalization on probate. The house is located in Ft. Yates. Property taxes are adding up and a contract for deed is reaching the end of its term. According to the term the family is paying \$1,000 per month to keep the house. Working with the beautification program. Need to bring in documentation to figure out how to possibly assist. Mary Ellen's recommendation is to have a co-signer on a possible loan.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward to the May TBC. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

D. Mandaree School – Ann Longie, Superintendent

Seeking payment of outstanding invoices previously approved by contracts. The Superintendent was instructed to take the invoices to the West Segment Office for assistance.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:09PM.



CERTIFICATION

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 13th day of May 2019; 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 May, 2019.

ATTEST:

Economic Development Committee Chairman.

Councilwoman Monica Mayer

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Executive Secretar

Councilman Fred W. Fox Tribal Business Council

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