



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM.

**PRAYER:**

Tony Lone Fight

*FTR: Councilwoman Monica Mayer joined the meeting.*

**I. ROLL CALL:**

*Present:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, & Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight (Conference Call). *Quorum established.*

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Cultural Committee Minutes.**

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Cultural Committee Minutes. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Introduction of New Chairman Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight**

Introductions from Committee members, & staff: THPO (Mary Baker), Tourism (Jason Morsette), Interpretive Center (Delphine Baker), Behavioral Health (Devina First Rider), Language Department (Tony Lone Fight).

**V. PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**A. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) – Mary Baker, Interim Director**

Mary Baker provided an introduction and requested a land allocation for repatriation. The Director noted that she has already requested at a previous committee meetings and TBC. Mary Baker spoke about the loss of the elder community and the need for the younger to fill those spaces. She feels that the THPO program name should be changed to better reflect what they do. We are here to learn from our elders and there are so many leaving us lately. Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight would like at least 2 elders from each segment join our meetings. The Director thinks a lot of bridges were burned when she started working for the program she works for. Councilwoman Monica Mayer noted that with everything is going virtual it is very important to have elder participation on many things. This is something we should





develop so they feel they can participate. Jason Morsette recommends having elders join this meeting. A reparation area is currently located by the earth lodge village. Need to figure out how to get tourists off the main road into our cultural sites. Is not promoting nonmembers at our cultural sites, we need to preserve them. The Director requested an assistant position that has a history back ground. The Director informed the committee that she has not seen the THPO budget as of yet. It was noted that THPO has a \$303,000 budget. Councilwoman Monica Mayer suggested that Mary Baker work with CFO on the program budget.

**B. Tourism – Darian Morsette, Director**

The Director reported implemented COVID measures and working on how to bring our tourists in safely. The dept. is currently collaborating with George Washington University and other Tribes. The Director sits on Native American Tourism Alliance board as Vice-President, they are looking for a consultant for \$10,000. We will be in touch with Mandaree Language Program. We are developing a new website and requested that information, contacts, & pictures of what your program is about. Councilwoman Monica Mayer recommended that Tourism Dept. fall under the Culture Committee for future reporting. Jason also works with state parks (Crows Flies Project). He has been working on cleaning up the area, we have a lot of tourists. Crows Flies High is one of the biggest tourist sites even with our local people. Working with the state to put up restrooms eventually. Working on a 5-year plan and a 10-year plan for this site. Would like to make sure the language (wording) is right on the signs there. Mary Baker also works with us, we want to do an architectural study. This will have to be approved by the State and Corps of Engineer. Want to promote the economic part of the. Darian gave a report on how we worked on getting back Crows Flies High. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh asked if anyone knows of Painted Woods. Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight there are many stories in Mandaree area.

**C. Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director**

Today we have the building built and are working on the punch list on the building. Delphine developed a business plan for the Interpretive Center before it was built. The building is there to tell a story of our heritage. The narrative took years to bring together. Once we get our stuff back from other museums, we are looking at getting a certification to get the Mandan Chief Four Bears robe back from Germany. The Center will have a gift shop, coffee shop and a meeting room. Delphine Baker informed the committee that there is an endowment fund in the process for this project. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh requested a council tour of the new facility.

**D. Language Department – Tony Lone Fight, Director**

The primary goal is to preserve our language. Have 3 requests, will have legal review them. Two contracts are minor. On-line tools are in need of an upgrade. Requesting on-line language tools, the company we worked with before we no longer work with them. We looked and found a native company, Ogokoo Language could work on it.





Would need monies, don't have it in the Language Department budget. The cost of this program is \$100,000. There is an app we used up until lately, Conservancy App is 10 years old now and is not updatable. This past summer the online program went down. Everything should be transferable, can make adjustments. Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight would like to know what this program entails and bring back a report. Councilwoman Monica Mayer was here during the debate of the copy right of our language. TBC let that contract go. Moved this program out from Education Committee and moved it under Culture Committee. 1.5 million budget, only used 11% of that. Take out of budget, figure out what is used and will be used up until October, put it on a spreadsheet and bring it salary, equipment or supplies, whatever it is and do research on the online program, Committee will look at the cost and quality of this online program and forward to TBC eventually. Language Department has a \$60,000 line item for contracts, this would exceed that and we already have budgeted some other contracts within that line item. We have been working with Razor with some of our online projects. Have a \$5,000 contract last year would like to make it \$10,000 contract. Have not done a Strategic planning for 5 and 10 years, contract for this is \$5,000 which will need to go to legal. Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight commented, there is I-5 Program that a tribal member has, Rusty Gillette. Indigenous Language Institute will work with us with on strategic planning. Have 13 staff in the Language Department. The Director will bring a full report to the next committee meeting.

Aaron works with West Segment, works with Lone Fight. Utilizing zoom for our culture, make ribbon dresses, teaching community members with sweat and install the community youth with these teachings. Trying to keep the culture alive in our community.

Maybella Lone Fight of the Mandaree Language Program is helping bring back the language and teaching Hidatsa clanship. It was noted that a lot of our people are dealing with drug and alcohol. Want to spread our ways with the youth and young adults. If there is anyone who can teach us, we are willing to learn ourselves.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

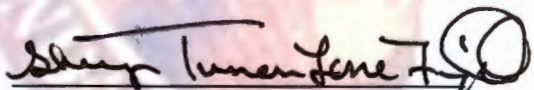


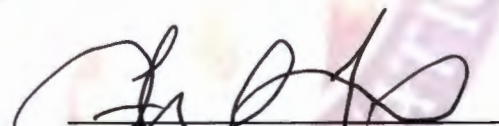
**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Cultural Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Cultural Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [ 2 ] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Cultural Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021; 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
Cultural Committee Chairwoman,  
Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
Executive Secretary,  
Councilman Fred W. Fox  
Tribal Business Council  
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