



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Monica Mayer called the meeting to order at 1:52 PM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, & Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **June 3rd, 2020 Economic Committee minutes.**
- **December 28th, 2020 Economic Committee minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to approve the presented Economic Committee Minutes. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. First Nation Innovation/Small Business Service Center – Ed Danks

A concept started about 10 years ago after Bud Mason was Chairman of the tribe, at the time Davis Bunselle was the Financial Director. One of the things they talked about doing was doing a Small Business Support Center, was what council wanted but did not happen. Back then we started a nonprofit 501C3 called First Nation Innovations. The objective was to set up a small business service center similar to a SDA score agency/department. Board of directors that are keeping it alive, haven't done a lot with this because we are busy with our own lives and haven't had much money to operate so we have been doing this by a volunteer basis. Would like to put resources in the community. Not asking for money at this time. Would like to give back to the community and train younger people. We have a work force problem we will provide services. There are entities that want a financial statement now. Ed's sons and his company, they have done four contracts for the tribe. Would like letters of support from the tribe. Councilwoman Monica Mayer mentioned we have data from the college, they have 155 students, and the vast majority of them are business administration. North Segment is purchasing property on Main Street.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward to Executive Committee. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.



**B. Small Business Grant Proposal/Tribal Economic Stabilization Fund Cares Act –
*Ryan Wilson***

Ryan introduced a memo, Emergency Request for Economic relief for small Indian owned retail Businesses along with a Resolution. Another document was presented from former Secretary Mnuchin in the Department Treasury issuing guidance to local governments and Tribes on allowable expenditures with the COVID relief money that came through the Cares Act. Was asked by the CEO asked about a framework for an application process. Ryan Wilson presented a rough draft of this. Last Council meeting he was asked what if you broadened it what would be the other sectors? People asked Home based businesses were discussed as possible recipients. This was included in the application. The original intent was to address store closures; his store was closed in March even though he paid rent that month. North Segment then waived rent and Ryan Wilson allowed his store to be closed that time too. He was closed all of January. He asked if this was legal, is this even an allowable expenditure within Cares Act? Would like to know if you are authorized through the statute, that it can be put to rest. Ryan Wilson expressed the need for an office for small business development. Ryan Wilson was told by the city of commerce that Indian owned businesses do not qualify for this because they have a tribal business license and not a state business license. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear would like to support the initial request for small business owners.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward to Executive Committee for further discussion. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion.
Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. MHA DOT – *Blain Flynn, Director*

Informed the committee of Kat Marketing agreement to assess our software and communicate with the State. Right now, we have a closed system with MIS. DOT has an overweight resolution. Will possibly go with a load pass permit. DOT does not have a seasonal permit. The resolution needs some changes; The Director will send it to Legal for review. The Committee asked Director to bring the information to Executive Committee for further review.

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

Item deferred.

C. Tribal Housing – *Lawrence Baker, Director*

Item deferred.

D. Small Loans – *Mary Ellen Sun, Lead Loan Officer*



Item deferred.

E. TAT Mortgage Program – Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager

Item deferred.

F. Business Loans – Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager

Item deferred.

G. MHA Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director

Item deferred.

H. 4Bears Casino - Scott Wilson & Spencer Wilkinson Jr.

Item deferred.

I. Proposed Business Licenses – Cynthia Monteau, Tax Director

Item deferred.

J. MHA Communications – Delvin Driver Jr., Board President

Item deferred.

K. Fort Berthold Housing Authority(FBHA)

Item deferred.

L. MEC – Clarence O’Berry

Item deferred.

M. MRR – David Williams

Item deferred.

N. Discussion of Economic Committee

Item deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT



THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2nd, 2021 MINUTES
[NO CLOSED SESSION CONTENT]

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM.





CERTIFICATION

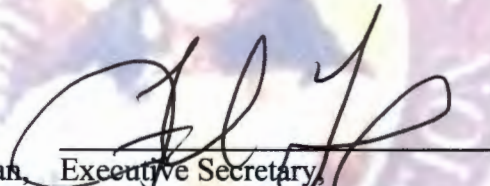
I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Economic Development Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 22nd day of February, 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 22nd day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:



Economic Development Committee Chairwoman,
Councilwoman Monica Mayer
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes



Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes