



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight called the meeting to order at 11:25 AM.

PRAYER:

Dora Gwin

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear (Conference Call), Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, & Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight. *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:

- **1/13/2021 Cultural Committee Minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to approve the January 13th, 2021 Cultural Committee Minutes. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. T.J. Plenty Chief

Request for sun dance funding. Asking to increase the amount under policy from \$4,000 to \$5,000. Provided a budget for the Medicine Butte Sun Dance for a total of \$21,600. Sarah Young Bird spoke to the importance of prayer and ceremony. Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight shared her experience at a sun dance and also recommended the group do some fundraising that the TBC could match. Will bring it up at Executive Committee.

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

B. Keith Bear

Item deferred.

C. Nora Packineau

Provided a report of recent project activities such as recording and weekly gatherings to speak the language. Elder Martha Bird Bear discussed the importance of



preserving & the language back into use. Noted that with the number of elders that are passing away it is urgent to have our language spoken before we lose it.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) – *Mary Baker*

Mary Baker conference called in. Request to be in Closed Session.

B. Tourism – *Darian Morsette, Director*

Report submitted for the record that included recent events and upcoming activities along with earth lodge maintenance logs. By March 10th, all staff will have had the second COVID-19 vaccine. Informed the committee that that he has been elected as Native American Alliance (NAAP) President. Contracted Alisha Thorpe to work on the North Dakota Tourism Alliance website to promote sales and PR work. We revisited working with North Dakota Foundation so the North Dakota Tourism Organization is going after grants since we are still working on our C01C3, we are able to go through that foundation. In the final stages of By-Laws. In addition, we have StrengthenND out of Minot, which is also assisting with that. Been working with Fred Walker on the North Dakota Tourism International Tour. He has been having zoom calls with tour operators, as long as we are giving him information we are at the front with him. We will travel after the band for travel is lifted so we can start marketing Tourism. Want to start a small committee with the college, New Town Chamber of Commerce, THPO and possibly one representative from the tribe, we want to do a survey with the community. Three new lodges will have to be built due to deterioration. The Tourism website is half way done. Last week the Chairman had a cultural dance performance, which was hosted at the Earth Lodge Village, that was prerecorded and played for them on Saturday. Working with ND State Parks and Recreation on Crows Flies High. Haven't hosted our Annual Elbowoods Classic Basketball Tournament yet, but maybe sometime between May to July. Visitors can book tours with Tourism at the Fair Harbor website. We have been contacted by the ND State Fair for Tourism to do performances. Depends on the budget to get everyone there, rooms and food. Tourism does not have a credit card to book/hold the rooms. There will be two performances a day. Will have events scheduled at the Earth Lodge Village, but not to full-scale do to COVID. Native Tourism works with five other Tribes.

C. Interpretive Center – *Delphine Baker, Director*

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight provided her experience touring the new building.

D. Culture & Language Department – *Tony Lone Fight, Interim Director*

Submitted report for the record. Conducting strategic planning with the Indigenous Language Institute: In March 2020, we were developing a strategic plan. Due to the pandemic, an off-site development session was postponed. The total contract would be \$5,000 and would fall under our Contracts line item which is budgeted at \$60,000



for 2021. Online curriculum development with Razor Consulting: Razor Consulting has helped us evaluate companies for online language programs and also helped us develop our own language games and tools for language learning. We had a contract with Razor Consulting in 2020 for \$4,500 and were very happy with their work. I am asking the committee if we could increase this contract to \$10,000 for 2021 and would fall under our Contracts line item which is budgeted at \$60,000. This year, they will help build our own language website as well as be our consultants as we look for better online language tools. Contract with Rusty Gillette: He is looking for a "retainer" type contract. It's a type of contract he has with others divisions at the tribe. His work is very good. I would like work with him for 6 months for \$6,000. He would develop language materials for our tribes' celebrations, redesign our logo due to the new name, design our new language materials and booklets. With the consent of the Culture Committee, I would like to start advertising for three new language apprentices. The Director listed all Language Department staff for the Committee. We are under budget but this is mostly due to the hiring freeze as we have three open position for apprentices. We have also not hosted any events or travel to any training events. TBC has allocated \$1.563 million for our program in 2021 and we currently have 13 employees. Also presented three contracts for action: 1) *2020 Professional Service Contract*. (\$6000) A three-day online workshop to help guide the Culture & Language Department through the development and creation of a 5-year strategic plan for MHA Nation's Language revitalization. 2) Rusty Gillette / IFive Graphics 6-month contract for \$6,000. 3) Razor Consulting Solutions (RCS) Contract for web site development. RCS will invoice the client on a monthly basis for Services. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear noted states he can hardly hear anyone via conference call. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh states there was video equipment, not sure why it's not used or even what happened to the equipment. Will bring this up at Executive Committee.

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to forward the (3) contracts presented subject to Legal for review. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

The Director requested additional positions & Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight recommended the Director start the process with HR.

E. Language Program – Maybella Lone Fight / Aaron Abby

Provided a program report of recent activities in Mandaree such as sewing & moccasins classes. Have community sweats that attract many youths who come to help and learn. Work continues to expand services such as star quilt classes & bringing on additional language & culture consultants such as Lyla Gwin has been hired to help with language and culture. Current consultants include: Mary Bird Bear, Martha Bird Bear and Carol Newman. The program is also raising funds to send elders to attend a Language workshop in Hawaii, who's program has been the bedrock of language education. Nora Packineau is working to develop a recording



budget and so that she will not need to continue to pay out of pocket for the activities. The program is also working with the Interpretive Center to develop recordings

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) – *Mary Baker*

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.



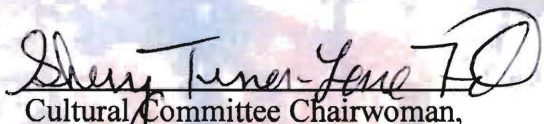



CERTIFICATION

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; 4 were present at the Cultural Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 2nd day of September, 2021; that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 Members not voting.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 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
Three Affiliated Tribes