



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

*Present:* Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, 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:**

- 3/5/2021 Cultural Committee Minutes
- 5/6/2021 Cultural Committee Minutes

*Item deferred.*

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Ed Hall**

*Item deferred.*

**B. Harry Sitting Bear**

*Item deferred.*

**C. Ryan Wilson**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ryan received a letter from North Segment Property Management that they will not renew his lease on the store with the vacate date August 30<sup>th</sup>. Ryan feels the store is a cultural treasure on Fort Berthold and presented a draft resolution and request to forward and present at TBC. Ryan referred to the 5<sup>th</sup> “Whereas”, which is part to the Tribal Constitution, Article VI, which states the Tribal Business has the power to protect and preserve the property, wildlife, and natural resources of the tribes and to regulate hunting and fishing on all land within the jurisdiction of the tribes and to cultivate and preserve native arts, crafts, culture ceremonies and traditions. If forced to shut his store down there is no other suitable location, he would have to shut his business down. Ryan has 3 other possible alternatives. First, would be for him to purchase the building at the same cost that the tribe purchased it 10 years ago. Second, would be for him to lease from the 3 Affiliated Tribes under the same current terms. Third, would be to direct North Segment to allow the same terms with a 4-year lease. In 2016, there was a resolution to give first right of refusal consideration to the North Segment Community Development Corporation (NSCDC)



to manage the properties within North Segment. The NSCDC was disassembled by resolution. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like to turn the store into a Tribal trading post. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh recommended deferring to Legal.

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

**V. PROGRAM REPORTS:**

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

Report submitted. Land allocation for reburial site in South Segment- Never addressed. One of the more important roles of our office is to facilitate the reburial of our ancestors. The Cemetery Restoration Department (Director, Lane Standish) has offered its services to the THPO program when the use of heavy equipment is required for the reburial and to fence off the current NAGPRA area in the Four Bears community, so the area is protected from the public. This department lacks the capacity to facilitate its service to the tribe. We need to be able to afford hiring new staff with credentials i.e., Archeology, Anthropology, Ethnobotany to assist in the mitigation efforts to save and protect the resources we have left and improve our ability in consultation for our ancestral lands and areas of interest of Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara. We are also going to need seasonal cultural site monitors. For the time being I am drafting a MOA with the Environmental Division to help with the workload. The Environmental Division has the resources of work vehicles and staff. Upcoming projects- NAGPRA (University of Tennessee) (NO State Historical Society) (Morton County Sherriff) (Colorado)(California) There are a lot of ancestors that need to be reburied. This department needs land. With the COVID travel restrictions, blessing us with more time, we need to create an action plan for how we carry out these duties. It is disheartening to not have a location for them yet. I would prefer land in the East, South and North East segments away from the community near access roads for the heavy equipment. U of T Knoxville-The Cemetery Restoration Director and I met with the East Segment representative, select staff, our previous THPO Director, Pete Coffey and an elder at the White Shield office on February 17th 2021 to discuss an action plan for the University of Tennessee repatriation. Also working on building a development policy and procedures. Getting staff trained. Will eventually bring in a plan. Budget supplement request will be brought forth by the Director.

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

Report submitted that included calendar of recent activities & events, earth lodge maintenance logs.

*Item deferred.*

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





*Item deferred.*

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

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. Our model is to group language speakers with apprentices: Dora Gwin is working with Judith Danks; Sally White is working with Jayli Fimbres, Amber Gwin and Chasmin Yellow Bird (also the team supervisor); Logan Sutton and Dancing Eagle are working with Thomas Plenty Chief, Margaret Yellow Bird (team supervisor) and Tony Lone Fight (myself); and Indrek Parks working with Elijah Benson. We have three more positions in our budget for apprentices and when the hiring freeze ends, we will bring three more into the group. Some community members have joined the language team's online daily Zoom teaching sessions as well. Our group is new, just a couple of years old. Additionally, TBC separated the Culture & Language Department from the Education Department about a year and four months ago so we are still creating the infrastructure for the program. We are also developing new language teaching tools and keeping the old ones in print and online. TBC has allocated \$1.563 million for our program in 2021 and we currently have 13 employees. The A&A grant for April would like to see the tribe is to finish the Hidatsa dictionary. It is ready to hand out, can also add to it later. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight asked Tony Lone Fight to work with Mandaree community members. Tony states they are doing good on the budget, but he was left off the list of applicants for the Directors position, was an oversight and is being corrected. We are under budget but this is mostly due to the hiring freeze as we have three open positions for apprentices. We have also not hosted any events or travel to any training events., hope to make it to the end of the fiscal year.

**E. Language Program – Maybella Lone Fight / Aaron Abby**

*Item deferred.*



VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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