



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Fred Fox called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear (*Via conference call*), & Councilman Fred Fox. *Quorum established.*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• **October 27th, 2021 Energy Committee Minutes**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the October 27th, 2021 Energy Committee Minutes. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

• **November 30th, 2021 Energy Committee Minutes**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the November 30th, 2021 Energy Committee Minutes. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. ENERGY – Councilman Fred Fox

A. Update

Next Energy Committee meeting will be January 26th, 2022.

IV. BIA & BLM UPDATES

A. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Spencer Snow

1) Update

Item deferred.

B. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Loren Wickstrom, Field Manager

1) Update – In December we did not receive any applications for permit to drill, Processed 2 APD's and total pending APD's 29. Oct 1st to Dec 31st received 6 APD's, Processed 7 APD's and total pending APD's 29. The NDFO has an administrative draft RMP-EIS that is available for cooperators to review. The BLM provided the Chairman and staff with an overview of the alternatives on December 17th. Once the MHA Nation has had an opportunity to review the draft, the NDFO is available to answer questions and/or provide a follow up presentation to the Tribal Council. The goal is to have the draft RMP-EIS ready for a 90-day public review in Spring of 2022. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear asked, what does the resource plan have on Fort Berthold. Loren states the resource plan won't have an effect on Indian land. It will have an effect on federal land, around the Fort Berthold Reservation. The biggest affect it



can have on the tribe is the oil and gas minerals that are within the Buffalo Ranch. Right now, those minerals that are within Figure Four Ranch are unleased. The tribe needs to be aware of this. Slawson Exploration Company has applied for Permit to Drill within ½ mile of Lake Sakakawea. The well name/location is Blizzard 1-13H/ section 24, T152N, R93W. It is a FEE/FEE/FEE location. The location is about ½ mile east of Sanish. The NDFO is working with Slawson to relocate the well outside of the ½ mile set back, however my jurisdiction on FEE/FEE/FEE wells is limited. Slawson is proposing 3-foot berm around the pad, rototax pumping unit and off-site central tank battery. Have tentative plans to set a date to meet with the Chairman. Received an APD from Slawson, the Blizzard Well, the pad is located within ½ mile of the lake. He let Chairman Fox know of the ½ mile. Loren will do a government to government meeting this month. Slawson wants to keep the pad where it is currently located, Loren is trying to make them reconsider. 1,850 feet the way the crow flies, it's about 3.5 miles. What is the distance to a dwelling? It is in Sanish about 3,000 to the West. Kenny Lyson would like the exact location. Loren will provide that to Kenny later today. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like all the data, we are looking at a major housing project in that area in Shell Creek. No fence has been put up around the pad by Hawk Estates as of yet. Loren will update at the FBIR meeting on the 31st.

V. MHA ENERGY DIVISION

A. Update – Kenny Lyson, Director

The price of oil is at \$79. Have 4 rigs on Fort Berthold. Will update in February. Travis spoke about Slawson not complying. There were two incidents in the same spot. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states, we could put this under discussion at the next Federal Partners meeting, tribal law and regulatory and tribal law. Need to discuss the issues.

FTR: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight joined the meeting at 11:00 AM.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Pipeline Discussion – Travis Hallam

See Closed Session.

B. Thunder Butte Energy Update – Bernie Fox

Item deferred.

C. MRR Update – Dave Williams, President/CEO

Item deferred.

D. Industry Update – Josh Ruffo

There are 4 rigs on Fort Berthold right now. Flaring is at 94% captured. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked about oil prices, what is the opinion on oil prices with Covid and whether or not this had an influence on oil prices. Lost workers and crews, the weather is harsh in ND in the winter. Does your company have a vaccination policy, Josh states no policy in their company? They do take precaution by distancing, masks and only 25% workers in the offices.



E. Renewable Resources Discussion – Jennifer Bluestone

See Closed Session.

F. Kenny Lyson & Travis Hallam

See Closed Session.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resources Discussion – Jessica Bluestone

B. Pipeline Discussion – Travis Hallam

C. Kenny Lyson & Travis Hallam

VIII. ROW APPROVALS (CLOSED SESSION)

A. Operators

1) WPX/Devon

a. Palo Pinto Pad

b. Pennington Pad

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Committee Chairperson of The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Energy Committee is composed of three (3) members and of whom three (3) constitutes a quorum 4 were present at the meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened and held on the 26th day of January, 2022; 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 26th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

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

Committee Chairman, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes