



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Robert White called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Robert White, Councilman Mervin Packineau, & Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **March 20th, 2023 Economic Development Committee Minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the March 20th, 2023 Economic Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. TexFest Proposal – *Joseph Ricker*

Joseph Ricker, owner of Titan Productions and a member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe states he worked in this area for the past 12 years & now lives in Dallas Texas. Joseph learned MHA has purchased land in Las Vegas. He had a vision for a nonprofit project. He read articles on concerts, and he learned of Desert Trip and used it as a case study and would like to put on a music festival. Presented proposal for TexFest, a world-class event that will become America's premier music festival. To be held in Dallas, this festival will make Texas the number one destination for music and entertainment, attracting tens of thousands of people from across the country and around the world. Our project will create jobs, bring in enormous revenues, and solidify Dallas as a premier and continuous destination for internationally acclaimed music festivals. It will achieve all this while giving countless attendees memories that will last a lifetime. We are requesting a \$38 million loan to make this opportunity a reality, and we are pleased to ask you to be our partner in this historic undertaking. The festival is tentatively scheduled for November 9th-12th, 2023 and will be held in the internationally famous Cotton Bowl Stadium at Fair Park. We will fill this venue with over 90,000 enthusiastic music fans each day, with countless people travelling to Dallas to take part in one of the world's most impressive music extravaganzas. We will also reach millions of people through pay-per-view broadcasting. Our partnership will reap massive profits from this event, ensuring your investment is generously rewarded.



Seeking a \$38 million loan. Joseph approached a couple other reservations; no other reservation is investing at this time. Councilwoman Monica Mayer was not in support this investment, our people are in need of health care and education.

Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to forward to TBC.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

B. Adrian Foote Sr. Rodeo Sponsorship – Blaine Foote

Submitted budget for rodeo taking place June 16-18 on Father's Day weekend. The family has raised \$75,000 and should have \$100,000 by the time of the event. The Casino is not going to be able assist this year due to funding constraints. Total budget for the event is \$181,690. Event will be on Cowboy Channel. Mr. Foote noted that last year the Tribe provided a sponsorship of \$9,000 per day, and they requesting the same as last year.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to Executive Committee. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

C. Prep Hoops Circuit Basketball Sponsorship - Brianna Foote

Brianna Foote is requesting looking for sponsorship to travel for the basketball team. \$11,160 will cover a little over half.

Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to forward Prep Hoops Circuit Basketball Sponsorship to TBC with recommendation to assist with \$11,160.

Motion Amended: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to amended the previous motion and change the amount from \$11,160 to \$13,640 for 11 people. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

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

Report submitted for the record. Currently we have assisted in the TAP (Tribal Access Program) Grant and were successfully awarded. The purpose of this grant is to provide some basic information to the Tribal Access Program about our federally recognized Tribe. Within the context of the application, it included intertribal consortia that perform governmental functions delegated by the Tribe. It will describe some of the current processes and tools that are in place and help the Tribe articulate implement TAP. We have assisted in the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) grant and are currently working on keeping the grant in compliance so that we do not lose the grant. The VR grant is a grant that will help American Indians with disabilities residing on the Fort Berthold Reservation with transportation, education/training, employability/job seeking, skills. The award for the VR grant was \$2,000,000 for 5 years. Provided a listing of current grants. The newest grant with EPA is the



Brownfield cleanup grant. This was money that was applied through the EPA department for cleanup of houses with mold, asbestos, and meth houses. This grant was geared toward the Fort Berthold Housing Authority. We were awarded \$330,000 to do the cleanup housing they deemed needed it. We have been having monthly calls with EPA to complete reporting on the financials. We are currently sanctioned because of audits not being done and we may end up losing our grant monies because of drawdowns not being done. We meet monthly to see the progress and finance can't seem to get drawdowns complete. This has been ongoing for 2 years. We will continue until they won't let us go on. We have also been working with Tanya Sand-Driver of the GIS department with BIA grant for Invasive Species/Noxious Weed funding and the application process. If awarded it will give the GIS department \$250,000 to combat these various weeds. Assisted with the Indian Highway Safety Grant. The incidences of impaired driving are high on the Fort Berthold Reservation. Arrests in 2018 were at 308 which reflected a decrease from 376 in 2017. In 2019, the number of DUI arrest dropped to 171 and then to 153 in 2020. Finally, the number of DUI arrests in 2021 was 94. The decreased number in the recent years is due to COVID shutting down any public areas so bars and liquor sales were regulated by COVID precautions. The decline of arrests maybe also attributed to a shortage of officers available to patrol traffic. Years prior have also reflected a high incidence of DUI arrests with 2016 at 386 and 2015 at 374. The TAT Law Enforcement Department averages far more impaired driving arrests than that of neighboring counties and do work together with those counties on these arrests as needed. The number of impaired driving fatalities have generally been coupled with no seat belts use; impaired and ejected. However, there are still some issues with accurate, detailed, crash data collection. If awarded this will assist in the crash data for Fort Berthold. The Grant has been submitted and awarded and I have executed the documents and it will be starting as soon as the officers are hired. I have been assisting with the CT AS grant which Purpose Area 4 will go for the update of the Gerald Tex Fox Justice Center and Purpose Area 8 will go for will go for a wellness court. Was Successfully submitted March 27th,2023. I am providing technical assistance on work with the Commodity ware house upgrades this spring and will begin the bid process.

B. Tribal Housing – Florence Brady, Acting Director

Submitted report for the record. Program Inventory: Still have 6 items not returned. Lori Fredericks - Working with 1 client on getting a mortgage for new construction on allotted land, Updating HBE program/waiting on revised Pathways home book, Identifying Section 184 lenders -so far there's 1st Tribal lending in SD and possibly a bank in Belcourt, Discussion with DCI credit services for the credit management program. Aberdeen Contract officer has received all documents and ARP Grant for \$473,000 is ready for drawdown. Roger Standing of Construction Management, and Kasen Street will be hired full time permanent in May. Councilman Robert White inquired about Levings homes requested the Director find out what home they paying rent for and whose house is not paying, & who needs to be evicted for not paying



rent. Councilman Robert White was told by Marcus Levings that he was paying rent for his daughter's house but was actually paying on his wife Alvina's house and not Shauna's home. Also presented list of homes for repair. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states, we should talk to Bonnie and Lenny Abrams to get the drawdown now. Houses need to get fixed up. Reported that a former staff person still has not turned in 6 items. Would like to see a program to maintain trailer parks -i.e., keeping them free of debris perhaps clean every 2 weeks. Since snow has melted our community looks pretty unclean. Request Natural Resources/ easement to have readily a list of available lots for home sites for all housing program. Recommending re-establishing an Infrastructure Committee to insure that home sites have: Electricity Water/sewer, Road development, Tribal Historical Preservation check, Soil sampling, Easement, Surveyed with metal plates. Have all these in place before a home site lease is approved. Also recommending that no more homes being set in the middle of nowhere with no infrastructure in place. Also requiring a Lot size big enough to support a septic system with appropriate drain fields.

- **Trailer Purchases (5)**

Want to purchase 5 trailers for \$5,000 apiece, for FEMA trailers, can a consultant contract be done, Councilwoman Monica Mayer suggested that the CFO/Finance should work with Housing for the FEMA trailers.

Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to forward FEMA trailer sale to Executive Committee with recommendation of approval. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- **FEMA Trailer Sale**

Non-enrolled C-Store employee would like to purchase a FEMA trailer at River View Trailer Park that she is currently living in.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve to approve the sale of the FEMA trailer to the C-Store employee. \$10,000 minus what she already paid in rent. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- **HIP Home Demolition**

Nina Heart put her HIP home on their property, the place is now full of black mold and the floors. Request to demolish the HIP home located at Red Fox Estates. FBHA has requested guidance several times on what to do with the house. Apparently, it was tagged at a "flop" house. Roger and Kasen went to look at it took pictures and it is in pretty bad shape. Want approval to contact the Beautification Program to demolish the unit.



Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to approve the demolition of the HIP house by the Beautification Program. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- **Hill Top Trailers**

There are two FEMA trailers at the Hilltop Trailer Park that I want to use as storage units for supplies and materials for the program. Space for these types of inventories is currently not available. Want to move to New Town gut them and use them as storage units.

Motion: Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to approve moving the equipment/trailers to New Town. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- **Budget Increase**

Would like to request an increase in budget in the amount of \$50,000. For 5 individuals to receive \$ 10,000 or 10% of the mortgage amount whichever is less. Program needs 3 new trucks for program use to go to and from worksites, haul materials, haul trash to landfill, etc. We have done our part, but Fixed Assets aren't getting back to us. Councilman Mervin Packineau suggested to give it to the CFO and CFO will present in their budget.

C. Small Loans – Mary Ellen Sun, Lead Loan Officer

Item deferred.

D. Business Loans – Symbria Bell, Business Loan Officer

Reported submitted for the record. Recent activities include discussions regarding methods of repayment and collections on delinquent business loan accounts, learning how to navigate our new loan system Amazon Workspace & monthly loan committee meetings which include discussions regarding the approval/denial of perspective business loans. The TAT Business Loan Program is working closely with our attorneys at Circling Eagle Law to collect from our current list of delinquent clients. Working to complete the State Small Business Credit Initiative application.

E. TAT Mortgage Program – Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager

Item deferred.

F. MHA Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director

Item deferred.



G. MHA Communications – *Jacqueline Spegal, Executive Director & Delvin Driver Jr., Board President*

Item deferred.

H. Fort Berthold Housing Authority (FBHA) – *Coby Rabbithead, Director/CFO*

Item deferred.

I. Midi Enterprise – *Clarence O’Berry, President /CEO*

Report submitted for the record. Midi Enterprises operates as a Holding Company (MIDI) with 8 active Business Units. Midi is a leader in the federal marketplace. Since 1990, our family of diverse companies has served over 25 federal agencies on dozens of contracts: as prime and subcontractors, through joint ventures, and as SBA-approved proteges to leading large businesses. We currently have operations in 29 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and locations abroad. No present needs for Tribal Economic Committee nor Tribal Business Council actions are necessary. Meeting with GSA in Maryland to discuss the delivery of a full-building, low-carbon electric supply solution. Focused on growing our commercial businesses, example in broadband, energy, and battery activities. Budget YTD-2023 Through March 2023. Provided a staff listing of enrolled MHA enrolled members (12).

J. Missouri River Resources (MRR) – *David Williams, David Williams, President /CEO*

Item deferred.

K. Four Bears Casino – *Scott Wilson, Spencer Wilkinson & Donald Chapin*

Spencer Wilkinson gave a monthly report. Discussion regarding the purchase of the Territory Inn to house Casino construction working while they are working on the 4 Bears Casino Hotel. Councilman Robert White would like to have this done in 30-60 days. Councilwoman Robert White advised them that they need to have a good employee living in the suite to oversee the employees that live there. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states, if this will be a longer term stay, they should have their own bedding, towels, etc. It would be an extra cost for the casino to have daily or weekly housekeeping. There is a total of 741 slot machines at the casino. Discussion of slot machine numbers and layout. Councilwoman Monica Mayer noted that need to increase alcohol sales & more cocktail staff in the slot area. Also expressed the need to get food concessions going especially during events. Also requested extended hours on Friday’s. Councilwoman Robert White requested a 70 (Casino) /30 (Four Bears Segment) split for salary increase for Mr. Moringo who is the lowest paid Supervisor. Councilwoman Robert White asked for staggered shifts years ago and asked the presenters to do more with less and also asked for a better layout of the slot machines. Also expressed the need to put e-tab machines in the C-Store. Just capture



10% of the 3000 customers a day. Councilman Robert White noted the segment is bringing in the July 1 Fireworks show and Dirty Word band at the Events Center so it is chance for the to market the night and bring in customers. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked who is charge of the peninsula and noted it is Ray, and asked that it be ready the 4th of July weekend. The casino is working with the Beautification Program to get the peninsula cleaned up. The new restaurant will be open in June 2023. They will start going 24 hrs. on the weekends. Councilwoman Monica Mayer requested an update on the Island Girl & River boat project.

VI. CLOSED SESSION:
A. Jovanna Foote

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.




CERTIFICATION

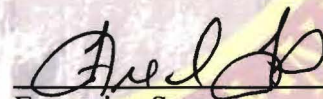
I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Economic Development Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 22nd of May, 2023; 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 May, 2023.

ATTEST:



Economic Development Committee Chairman,
Councilman Robert White
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes



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