



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilman Robert White called the meeting to order 11:55 AM.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

*Present:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight, & Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Motion:* Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Economic Development Committee minutes.**

*Motion:* Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to approve the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Economic Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Rodeo Sponsorship – Jennifer Yeahquo**

Councilman Robert White read the request letter. J.C. and L.J. Yeahquo are in TAT enrolled members. They live in Oklahoma. They are requesting sponsorship for July, August, September, and October. \$2,500 each, which is a total of \$10,000.00 apiece. This would be a \$20,000 Sponsorship. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked, what was the conclusion of qualifier and non-qualifiers? Councilman Robert White states, he doesn't think they were enthused about the answer and the Chairman was set on staying within policy. Councilman Robert White recommends they run this thru Mandaree's Segment office, and the other offices can do a match. Councilman Robert White called Jennifer's phone, Mr. Yeahquo answered, Councilman Robert White told him segment offices will do up to \$500.00 each. \$3,500 total each if every office assists. Councilman Robert White let Mr. Yeahquo know there is a resolution in place, and it is \$2,000 per individual. Once qualified, can come back for an additional \$2,000 and that is it. Mr. Yeahquo asked if there is anything in place for the NFR? Mr. Yeahquo asked if the resolution is for INFR or NFR? Councilman Robert White states the resolution does not specify, but it states "annually". Mr. Yeahquo let the Committee know they just received their INFR cards and hopes to make it to Vegas for the Indian Rodeos. Councilman Robert White informed Mr. Yeahquo if he qualifies to come back to request the rest. From here the contact people will be the Mandaree Segment office. Mandaree Segment office will route the paperwork. Mr. Yeahquo thanked the Committee, call ended. Councilman Robert White states for the Record, they will so a match for each Yeahquo brother, \$500.00 per brother, it will be \$1,000.00 total that may be matched per Segment.



**B. Mandaree Veterans Building**

Bernadine (Mendez) Mandaree staff requested to have the Mandaree Veterans building torn down. Ms. Mendez states, The Chairman stated the building is under an audit investigation, but if they get documentation that it's falling down and a public hazard they can move forward with the demolition. Ms. Mendez states they did get documentation from their CMO Inspector. Councilman Robert White suggested to forwarding to Executive Committee and have Beautification Program aid with the demolition to help with the cost.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to have the Beatification Program to aid in demolition and removal and forward to Executive Committee. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**V. PROGRAM REPORTS:**

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

*Item deferred.*

**B. Tribal Housing – Florence Brady, Interim Director**

Report submitted for the record. Presented Proposal for Elder Homes. Application and criteria, how to carry out the ARP Program. There is a deadline of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. The money is drawn down and then there is an account set up in Finance, ready to move forward. Councilman Robert White asked if they have a selection committee? Ms. Brady states, they go off scores. Advertising of Program Services, Councilman Robert White asked, how we going to do this? Social media, MHA Nation newspaper. Closes June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Councilman Robert White asked if we could extend it. It will be in the paper for one week. Is 10 days long enough to advertise? Lori states it is a process. Councilman Robert White recommends putting fliers in the communities and come to Community Board Meetings to inform MHA members. Put it on Blue Channel/radio and other forms of getting out information to the public. Florence states this is only for elders, there is no policy for non-elders living off the reservation. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight states there are two TAT members that need a home, but they are not elders. Holly Horn needs a home, due to major furnace issues and Tammy Raines is requesting reimbursement for repairs she did on her own and paid for it out of pocket. A lady with 6 children needs assistance with housing renovations, she lives off reservation and does not meet criteria to get assistance, the best option she has would be to go through the Chairman's budget. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states the reason North Segment does not have a satellite office is because the Chairman assists off reservation and North Segment budget does not allow due to having more segment community members than any other Segment. Councilman Robert White suggests, Florence respond to the letters with their policy and with Federal Dollars they are for Members that live within the Fort Berthold Reservation boundaries. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states, if



enrolled members choose to leave the Reservation, these are federal dollars, your federal treaty rights are right here on the Reservation, and our need is much higher, so she recommends prioritizing all of it to On Reservation Housing, but states this is just her own opinion. Councilman Robert White suggest just putting the guideline as “*within the boundaries of Fort Berthold Indian Reservation*”. The Elders Program was established in 2003, out of those elders there are only 5 individuals, not sure about Evelyn Hale if she is in her home or not. Ms. Brady was informed she is in a nursing home in Bismarck, so there are only 4. There are 7 elders total that live in these 20 homes. Out of those seven only one of these elders is making payments. Could give the elders the home if, made payments for 10 years at \$50.00 per month, \$6,000.00 within 10 years of payments we could convey the house to them. If the elder has not been paying but pays the \$6,000 can convey it after payment. Since 2010 no elder’s homes have been built. Councilman Robert White, the background on this, Four Bears Segment is taking all the HIP homes back from Tribal Housing, there is a home taken back already to make livable, another unit the house has major foundation issues, will be taken down and another home will replace that. Smith, Canyon, Dusenberry and Baker homes are in Four Bears Segment. Councilwoman Monica Mayer assigned two of her employees to get a map/list of every house in North Segment. Deans Birdsbill in 2016 he was issued a home, there is an issue with the home site. He has money for a home, but there are limits to what can be built, no custom home building. Would like to look at getting him one of the homes in North Segment, Councilman Robert White suggests Florence work closely with Councilwoman Monica Mayer for the North Segment Units. Councilwoman Monica Mayer will meet with Florence on the 15. Bring policy, and who is assigned homes, who lives in them, rent owed and rent current.

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

Report submitted for the record. Update: We just recently hired a new Data Entry Clerks, and they will be assisting with entering loans. Still need more training on the new software. 26 TBC loans were completed with a total of \$239,303.00. We need a person for the collections. We would like it to be closed on Fridays to file and scan into new system.

**D. Business Loans – Symbria Bell, Business Loan Officer**

*Item deferred.*

**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** – *Coby Rabbithead, Director/CFO*

*Item deferred.*

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

Report submitted for the record. Update: Wendi Wells and the MIDI/Bloom team presented at the NCAI Mid-Year Convention in Prior Lake Minnesota. The presentation provided information on how Microgrid technology provides a path to low-carbon electricity production on tribal lands. The talk included information on funding sources provided by the Federal Government along with a discussion on how MIDI/Bloom can provide a technical solution that is clean, safe and provides significant savings. Dae Sung was awarded a Complete Facilities Maintenance contract with the GSA. This contract is to maintain 5 Buildings in North Carolina. The award is for 1-yr. with 9 possible add-on years. Total potential value is over \$20 Million. The MEC Energy C-130 team was presented with the 2022 Secretary Defense Environmental Award at a call" meeting at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. MEC Distribution and Dae Sung passed a GSA financial audit on our many GSA contracts. MEC Development is preparing for the annual ISO Quality Audit. This is an annual audit required to keep our ISO qualification. Sinew is working with MEC Energy and our teaming partners to win additional large enterprise managed print services contracts with DoD. Sinew currently holds a contract with JSP in the Pentagon and the team is looking to extend this capability into additional sites within the DoD.

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

*Item deferred.*

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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

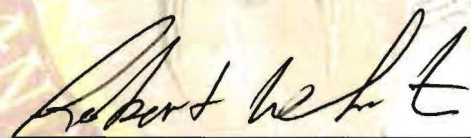


**CERTIFICATION**

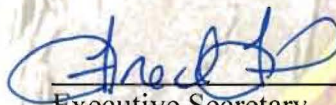
I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [ 2 ] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Economic Development Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

**ATTEST:**



Economic Development Committee Chairman,  
Councilman Robert White  
Three Affiliated Tribes



Executive Secretary,  
Councilman Fred W. Fox  
Three Affiliated Tribes