



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilman Cory Spotted Bear called the meeting to order at 1:58 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

***Present:*** Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Fred Fox, & Councilman Cory Spotted Bear. *Quorum established.*

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

***Motion:*** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Natural Resource Committee Minutes**
- **July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Natural Resource Committee Minutes**

*Items deferred.*

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Natural Resource Department Office – Harley “Texx” Lone Bear, Director**

Mr. Lone Bear asked if Natural Resource Department will be moving their offices to the new Administrative Building and the Committee and CEO confirmed that the Natural Resource Department will not be moving offices. The new Administrative Building grand-opening is set for August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**B. Range Units 206 & 208**

*See Closed Session.*

**C. Range Unit Billing 2023 – 10-day Notice to Show Cause – Jesse Baker**

Mr. Baker handed out a list of the permittees that have paid and have not paid. There is still a bit of time for them to get the fees paid. The list has been posted in the paper. It was noted that some people did not pick theirs out. Informed the Committee that Jeri Vines is the new Natural Resource Officer.

**D. Hidatsa Hills**

Request for resolution designating funding for the Hidatsa Hills Project for planning and design. The amount is \$151,000 but currently we do not have a fund code. Was told if the Tribe assists it needs to be in the budget. Mr. Texx Lone Bear states there was one done and turned into Councilwoman Monica Mayer and Legal. Councilwoman Monica Mayer stated that \$2 million dollars is set aside for Hidatsa Hills. CFO Whitney Bell was called into the meeting. He stated a Fund Code will be issued for Hidatsa Hills.

**E. Robert Gorder Building Sale**

The old Legal Services building on Main St. in New Town is for sale. Councilwoman Monica Mayer stated that the purchase of this building to house the Child Support Program. The price



for the lot and building is \$170,000. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear asked for Texx Lone Bear to bring in appraisal for the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> NRC meeting.

PROGRAM REPORTS:

**IV. NATURAL RESOURCE:**

**A. Trespass Ordinance Draft**

*Item deferred.*

**B. Thomas Eagle Easement Request – East Segment**

Mr. Eagle is seeking to give his daughter Kathy Eagle-Williams some land by his house. They also would need an easement to hook up power.

**Motion:** Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward Thomas Eagle Easement Request – East Segment to TBC. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

*Discussion:* Marcia will work with the family.

**C. Land Sales:**

**William & Debora Marlenee \$995,000**

Seeking to sell their land by KRIV.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to TBC for full discussion. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**D. Home Sites:**

**1) North Segment – 2 applicants:**

• **Micheaela Irwin-Howe**

Mr. Lone Bear stated that he is in favor of giving it to Michaela Irwin-Howe.

• **Tanner Stubstad for Pauline Necklace**

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to offer the individual another location and bring back Committee. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**E. Ag Lease Requests:**

**1) East Segment – 1 application**

• **Austin Gillette**

Mr. Lone Bear stated that Austin Gillette wants to renew the lease for the land next to his land.



**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward Austin Gillette Agricultural Lease to TBC subject segment representative confirmation. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**2) Four Bears Segment – 1 Applicant**

• **Yvette Blake**

Seeking an ag lease for 332 acres of grassland.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward Yvette Blake Agricultural Lease to TBC subject segment representative confirmation. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**F. Property Inventory – Tribal Program Purchases**

Mr. Lone Bear stated that the Tribe bought some property, and they did not notify the Natural Resource Department. He stated that they pay the fees and taxes and can't if they aren't aware of land purchases. He stated that they almost lost the land and in other cases the tribe is getting fines for not taking care of the lots they purchased. (ex: mowing lawn). Seeking authorization from NRC (Marcie) to ask each tribal mortgage program to give them a listing of all the mortgages/land purchases that they have. Mr. Lone Bear advised the Committee that they don't necessarily need the names but the land descriptions that the Tribe is paying taxes and fees on.

**Motion:** Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward Property Inventory to TBC subject to resolution & Legal review. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**G. Game & Fish Report – Antoine Smith, Director**

Update – Went over the major changes. They are all pretty much the same. Proclamations presented for the upcoming hunting seasons:

- Moose and Elk Season. (Tribal members only)
- No season for non-members and non-residence.
- Pronghorn Raffle
- No age limit for Deer Bow Season

**Motion:** Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward resolution entitled “Approval of the 2023-24 Hunting Proclamations” to TBC. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** The informed the Committee that the Fettig Ranch is now in trust. B.J. Brady inquired about the Eagle Feather Permit and the Director replied that they are still working on getting the final signature.

**H. Fort Berthold Rural Water (FBRW) – Joe Silveria, Director**

Mr. Silveria gave an update on the Wolf Chief Bay Intake. (Twin Buttes) Councilman Cory Spotted Bear stated that the oil industry is planning on 80 wells in Twin Buttes Segment. He hopes to use this for irrigation for the fields, trees, livestock, etc. FBRW would not like to use



treated water to irrigate for them things. They are updating the water haul list for the whole reservation.

- 1) **Authorization for Funding for the Purchase of the Parshall Water Treatment Plant.** Negotiated purchase cost of \$9 million dollars. Residential use would be free but would pay a water meter fee.

**Motion:** Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to resolution entitled “*Authorizing Funding for the Purchase of the Parshall Water Treatment Plant from the City of Parshall*” to the Executive Committee. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- 2) **Twin Buttes Water Tank**  
ROW for the new Twin Buttes water tank. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear stated they will be putting the Twin Buttes Segment logo on the tank. Noted that all resolutions should include across tribal land in the name of the United States of America, Bureau of Reclamation.

**Motion:** Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward resolution entitled “*Consent to Certain Right(s) of Way across Tribal land*” [Twin Buttes Tank Site Project] to Executive Committee. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- 3) **Bipartisan Infrastructure Projects**  
Approval for FBRW to apply for specific projects under the President Biden 2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law approval. (\$54,380,000.00).

**Motion:** Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward resolution entitled “*Approval of Fort Berthold Rural Water 2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Aging Infrastructure Project Funding Applications.*” to Executive Committee. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- 4) **MHA Nation P. L.**  
P.L. 93-638 Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This goes along with the President Biden 2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

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

## I. Public Works:

- 1) **Solid Waste**

*Item deferred.*

- 2) **Tribal Utilities**

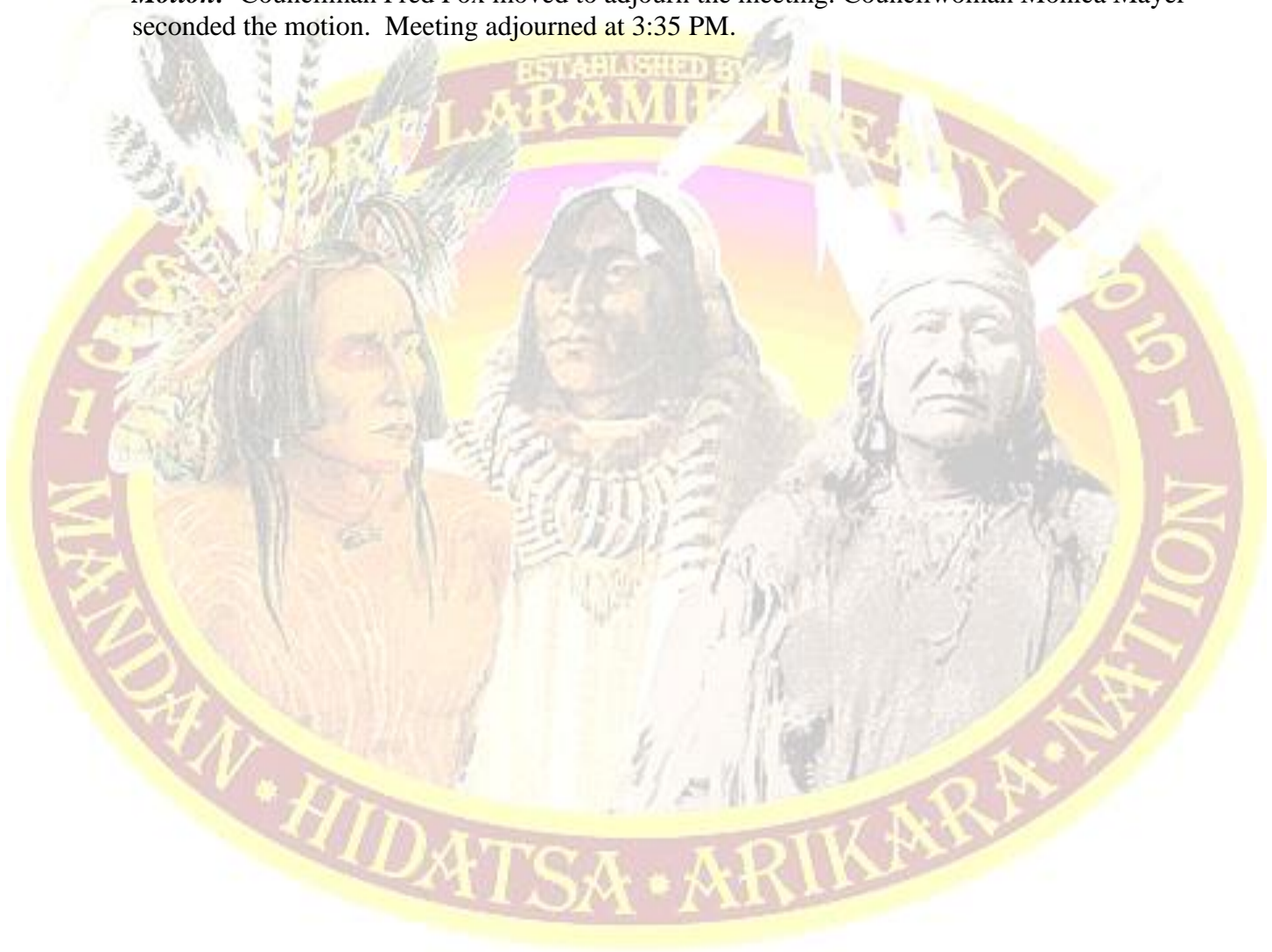
*Item deferred.*



V. **CLOSED SESSION:**  
A. Range Units 206 & 208

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.





### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Committee Chairperson of The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Natural Resources Committee is composed of three (3) members and of whom three (3) constitutes a quorum of 4 were present at the meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened and held on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024, 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2024.

ATTEST:

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

Committee Chairman, Cory Spotted Bear  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes