



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilwoman Monica Mayer called the meeting to order at 2:30PM.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

*Present:* Councilman Mervin Packineau, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, & Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Motion:* Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Economic Committee Minutes.**

*Motion:* Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to approve the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes with corrections. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**IV. PROGRAM REPORTS:**

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

Tourism inspects the lodges twice a year & all need repairs. Earth lodes 1 and 6 are the most in need of reconstruction. Estimated cost is about \$7,000 per lodge. The lodges have been there for 16 years. Over \$20,000 to fix the two. The committee recommended bringing a detailed budget to the next TBC.

*Motion:* Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to forward to TBC. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**B. MHA DOT – Richard Hall, Director**

*Item deferred.*

**C. Planning and Grants (CEDs) – Sheila Many Ribs, Director**

Submitted report for the record.

*Item deferred.*

**D. Tribal Housing – Lawrence Baker, Director**

*Item deferred.*

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



Submitted written report for the record. TATSL goes over loans weekly loans are reviewed every Tuesday and when approved they will be processed that week. TBC Approved loans are submitted and reviewed with credit manager before given to the TBC for approval. Next scheduled TBC meeting is February 13, 2020. Staff is continuously reviewing loans, reconciliations, sorting file folders, mailing statements, reviewing loan history with clients. Our goal is to have every client folders scanned for easy access. That has been an ongoing day to day activity for staff. TAT SL had 56 applicants applied for loans last month; 43 regular weekly loans Processed, 13 were approved thru TBC on 12-19-2019, Majority were refinanced. Collection efforts: Statements are still continuously being sent out it would be nice to have one staff that solely deals with collections and working with our lawyers on collections. No deductions were taken out on 12-20-2019.

**F. Business Loans – Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager**  
Submitted written report for the record.

**G. TAT Mortgage Program – Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager**  
*Item deferred*

**H. MHA Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director**  
*Item deferred.*

**I. 4Bears Casino - Scott Wilson, Spencer Wilkinson Jr.**  
*Item deferred.*

**J. Proposed Business Licenses – Cynthia Monteau, Tax Director**  
*Item deferred.*

**K. MHA Communications – Delvin Driver Jr., Board President**  
Written report submitted for the record. The tax issues for both KMHA and MHA Times have been resolved. We had hoped by filing an appeal with the IRS we would receive either significant reduction in penalties (\$35k to \$500) approximately for each entity, or dismissal of penalties all together. After nearly 1 year of deliberations, the IRS informed us in November, for KMHA, and later December 2019, for MHA Times, that we lost the appeal process and that we had to pay the 2015 taxes immediately to avoid further penalties and interest. The amount paid for KMHA was \$21,048.11. And for MHA Times the amount owed for 2015 was \$17,400.22. These taxes have been paid in full via EFT for both entities. KMHA Radio lost their CSG funding from the Corp for Public Broadcasting (CPB) back in 2017, which affects the two yr. grant cycles for 2018 and 2019 & would not be eligible for reinstatement until



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the 2019 through 2021 cycle this fall. However, we worked hard to get back in compliance and get the past due audits caught up from 2016, 17 & 18 - CPB acknowledged this and reinstated us this month which enabled us to receive funding FY 17-19 in the amount of \$85,027 and also funding for FY 18-20 in the amount of \$112,942, and for 2019-2021 in the amount of \$153,440.00 This will help us significantly bridge the gap in our shortfall for KMHA radio. Please see attached funding documents for more information. New budgets for 2019/2020 fiscal year for KMHA and MHA were approved by the FBCE Board and submitted to the Chief Finance Officer's Office on September 30, 2019. FBCE has engaged a new audit firm. Donham & Associates out of Albuquerque, NM. (previous firm was Brady Martz). The new firm was chosen due to Brady being unable to meet the deadlines required by CPB for compliance, as well as significant cost savings. Also, Donham specializes in audits for Native Radio Stations and Newspapers, and are aware of the specialized requirements of CPB. As requested by the CFO's Office, the audits requested for MHA Times have been conducted for a period going back 3 years for 2016, 2017, 2018. Copies of the audits are included with this report. Also, the audit for KMHA 2019 has also been completed on time and allows us to be in compliance with CPB filing requirements for the first time in the 3 years. Larry Zieman in May of last year attended a meeting with Councilwoman Monica Mayer regarding back taxes, appealed. Lost the appeal. Looking for more supplement of \$38,348. At the CFO's request we did audits for several years. Need funding for the audits at \$15,000 and another \$9,000, for four years' worth of audits. Lost CSG funding has been reinstated.

**Motion:** Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward the request of assistance for both to TBC, roughly \$62,000. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**L. Fort Berthold Housing Authority (FBHA) – Toni Parisian, Director**

*Item deferred*

**M. Mandaree Electronics Corporation (MEC) – Clarence O'Berry, CEO**

2 action items. Resolution for Grove Construction. Resolution to create a new organization called Maare Enterprise. Grove Resolution and Create a New Organization. Need to change the spelling to Maasi. Presented a resolution entitled "Authorization for Grose Construction, LLC to Pursue Small Business Administration ("SBA ") 8(a) Certification and for a Limited Waiver of Grose Construction's Sovereign Immunity for the Limited Purpose of Participating in SBA Programs." The Committee recommended that Clarence O'Berry present to the Executive Committee.

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



*Item deferred.*

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Assistance Request – Chasity Baker**

Requesting assistance for \$4,792.67 for vehicle repair at the Country Auto Clinic in Bismarck. Has applied for a TAT Small Loan and was approved only for \$500. She was informed that she had to establish credit history with the TAT Small Loans Dept. and was only eligible for the \$500. I did have a TAT employee co-sign for my loan. In addition, she also applied for Chairman Fox's Financial Hardship Grant up to \$500.00 and has not heard back yet. Lori from North Segment Office will contact Stella Berquist to figure out possibly the best way to assist.

**Motion:** Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved forward to TBC if the Chairman cannot assist. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

B. **Infrastructure Request – Tom Parisian, FBHA Director**

*Item deferred.*

C. **South Segment Audits – Tracy Burr, South Segment**

Tara Fredericks and Brock Burr presented 2017 auditing and preliminary 2018 audit. Committee suggests getting with Lenny Abrams and figure out what documentation is needed for the audit.

**Motion:** Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to forward to TBC. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

D. **Sponsorship – Amber Davis**

*Item deferred.*

E. **DOE Grant North East Segment**

Working with solar energy. Working with Life Spring Company out of Bismarck. Feb 6 is the deadline. Need a 50/50 split on this commitment for the project. Will be starting with the Healing Horse Ranch. Need a letter from us stating

**Motion:** Councilman Cory Spotted Bear move to approve Executive Action due to the deadline. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**



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**Motion:** Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:29PM.






**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Economic Development Committee Chairman,  
Councilwoman Monica Mayer  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
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Executive Secretary,  
Councilman Fred W. Fox  
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