



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

PRAYER:

Sally White

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear (*Conferenced in*), Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, & Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **3/5/2021 Cultural Committee Minutes**

Item deferred.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Leonika Charging

Item deferred.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) – Allan Demaray, Director

Item deferred

B. Tourism – Darian Morsette, Director & Jason Morsette

Jason Morsette states they are working on the budget. Upcoming events include the ND State Fair (July 26-28) booth and dance performance. Will request assistance from the Chairman's budget. Offered any program or dept. requiring advertising platform the use of their resources. Earth lodge lighting issues discussed and the need to replace or fix. Did not recommend the company the installed the lighting because they didn't check on the lighting after installation.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward Earth Lodge Lighting to TBC with recommendation of approval. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.



Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to forward costs for the State Fair to TBC. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

C. Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director

Provided an update on the Grand Opening event and activities. Program includes Military Flag Raising, and a flag song & entertainment by Keith Secola. Work continues to complete exhibits. The building has a 330 capacity and with invitations to local schools we expect around 700 visitors that we will also be providing meals for. Tours will be conducted lead by tour guides through out the day Visitors pay \$10 for the tour(members-free). Working with the CEO to bring on some temporary help.

D. Culture & Language Department – Tony Lone Fight, Interim Director

Immersion Project: We are developing immersion projects for the summer for all the apprentices and mentors. Each project will be tailored to that mentor's or apprentice's skill level. At the most advanced levels, there will be a period of two weeks where nothing but the language will be spoken and these individuals will be isolated for this time. At less advanced levels there will be a gardening project which will employ immersion by learning the phrases needed for gardening and while in the garden. This will last only hours. We will also have times during the day when only one of the three languages can be spoken. This will encourage people to learn phrases we can use to chat with each other. This will last in blocks of 15 minutes. We would like there to be times when our Language mentors can speak to other language speakers to help reinforce their language skills. This is somewhat personality dependent and will be complex to arrange. **On-going language class and language study:** We hold daily Hidatsa classes from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, on Zoom. These classes have been focusing on working on curriculum and translations for future class, as the amount of curriculum is still an issue we face. The Hidatsa class has gone over much of the material that exists many times and is eager to tackle more challenges. There are Arikara (Sahnish) and Mandan (Nueta) classes held on Zoom from 10:30 a.m. to Noon daily as well. These two languages alternate during the week. All these classes are open to the public' **Supporting other language initiatives:** We have done our best to provide the Learning Conservancy (LC) materials to students and teachers. It can take time to get more printed, as a class begins their needs are great and then they sit on the shelves until the next influx of students' We have a CD burner than can make 5 CDs at a time, which is a big help, but we've found that the cost of ink cartridges make printing our own books less cost effective than getting them professional printed. The quality and longevity of books of 100 pages or more from a copier are also poor. **Hiring:** The CEO's office has begun the advertising for the position of the Director of Culture & Language. I meet with Mr. Satermo and he said it would be best to get the permanent director in place before beginning the hiring of new apprentices, so hopefully we will see new apprentices in the department in June. **Contracts:** Our three contracts having made it (mostly) through the legal department. We are having to clear up a few small



details with the contractors, but the Legal Department has largely cleared the documents. The loss of the email systems has slowed down this process. The documents are attached.

E. Language Program – Maybella Lone Fight / Aaron Abby

Maybella states she has been working on an online Hidatsa Class. Have a zoom class for the Hidatsa class there are 20 individuals. Lyla Gwin states we started on April 13th, also do Facebook face time. Want to work with Head start children. Making adjustments to the Curriculum. Have an emerging camp in June 19-21. Arron states they would like to have a sweat just for Veterans. Will have a garden this Summer. Would like to get some seeds from the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara to plant. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh will donate some seeds. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear has some Mandan Corn seeds. Want to put a drying rack up also. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh requested about 5 copies of the CD's and books. Language project. Delvin Driver, Dr. Lanny Real Bird. Delvin wants to do a project with the language and other negative things that go on in our lives. Picked a few people from each segment, this will cover the mind body and spirit. Take some elders to Like A Fish Hook Village. There is too much drugs and alcohol, we want to form an organization and put together something to work with people. Work with individuals one on one. Some elders agreed with these elders to work with individuals in the communities. Want our kids to grow up what spirituality is. Nora Packineau has contracted some recording with elders and work with an emersion Hidatsa program. Immersion keeps coming up and our elders want to have this for our people. Our fluent speakers are less and less. Want to do an immersion in-service training. Want a 50-year existence program. Transferring all the recording to the Interpretive Center. Would like July 9-16, Nora Packineau will facilitate this.

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to forward to TBC for approval training by Instructor Na'ilima Gaison. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Lanny Real Bird and Harry Sitting Bear came up with a Plains Indians sign language program. Historically we had to use sigh language many years ago to barter. Lanny worked with Elijah Benson with sign language through zoom and expressed the desire to expand. Want to do this in all the segments. Parshall has no language classes. Built sweats here and go to Sundance. Dr. Real Bird has worked with people all over the world. This Project needs an extension to fulfill what had initially been done. Also want to do this program and sign language in Bismarck. There are billions of dollars in Language. House Bill #1319. As of 2 days ago Chairmen from other tribes had to put their input in. Work in Zoom for now. 1,400-2000 hours to create a speaker. The expectation of these students is to become teachers. He also worked with Cree speakers. Requesting for a project extension because of COVID. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight will work with Nora and Delvin on immersion.



Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to forward request for program extension to TBC. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.



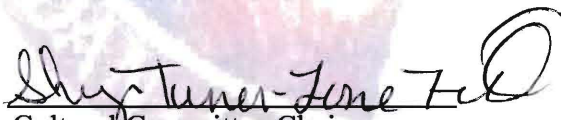



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Cultural Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Cultural Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 4 were present at the Cultural Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 2nd day of September, 2021; 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 2nd day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:


Cultural Committee Chairwoman,
Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes


Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
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