



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Robert White called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

PRAYER:

Charity Yessilth

I. ROLL CALL:

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **October 26th, 2022 Economic Development Committee Minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the October 26th, 2022 Economic Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Next Economic Committee Meeting

January 5th, 2023.

B. Four Bears Segment Contract Renewal – Damon Williams

Motion: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to forward the Damon Williams Contract to TBC subject to Legal review. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

C. Small Loan Forgiveness/Reconciliation – Jennifer Whiteman

Submitted documents. Asking for loan forgiveness from 2009. She stated that her mother paid off the loan, but unable to provide proof of that. She knows her mother always kept receipts but she has been unable to find them since she passed away. The loan amount was originally for \$500. With the interest, it is now around \$1,500. Mary Ellen states they are going through the receipts still and that there is a balance as of 2017. Andrea is looking through the receipt books. Mary Ellen Sun will notify Jennifer if they find it, if and when they find a receipt it will be adjusted and put toward the balance of the loan. Councilwoman Monica Mayer stated that the Small



Loan Department will go through their records to see if it was paid off. After that, this issue will be brought back to the committee.

V. **PROGRAM REPORTS:**

A. **Planning & Grants** – *Sheila Many Ribs, Director/EDA Planner*
Report submitted for the record.

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

Item deferred.

C. **Small Loans** – *Mary Ellen Sun, Lead Loan Officer*
Report submitted for the record.

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

Item deferred.

E. **TAT Mortgage Program** – *Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager*
Report submitted for the record. Update: As of November 2022, the business loan department has no perspective business loan applications. The business loan department continues to enforce resolution 00-17S-DSB which obligates tribal employees to wage garnishments and allows the business loan department to withhold wages to pay back debt owed to the tribe. The business loan department has successfully collected \$698,196.15 in collections for the 2022 fiscal year. The TAT Business Loan program is currently working towards implementing a new loan ledger software that will meet the needs of the department. The TAT Business Loan program is working closely with our attorneys at circling eagle law to collect from our current list of delinquent clients. The current business loan officer is working to contact business loan clients whose loans are past due and determine a plan for the borrower to become current with his/her payments again.

F. **MHA Interpretive Center** – *Delphine Baker, Director*
Report submitted for the record. Currently there are 4 vacancies and there are 27 job positions. We are working on: Minius Software for the Archive and Collections. Zane Baker is Collections Manager. Staff is currently training on imputing collections into the software program that we currently have stored in the facility. We are updating our software for US Foods and estimating the cost of food for menu's we serve. We are continuing booking events and are doing a 50% discount on room rental with the purchase of food during the holiday season. Elder Meals Thursday: 20 to 30 Elders come to eat and visit. We are planning on having music and other activities. Councilman Robert White requested monthly expense report be broken down, not lumped together. Delphine needs a working advisory board, Councilwoman Monica Mayer suggests getting one together asap.



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

Report submitted for the record.

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

Report submitted for the record. Coby gave monthly report. Resolution for ITG Plot Grant. She stated she needs approval of the THPO issue that is going on. They are trying to have Environmental do their part in the demolishing of buildings within the reservation. (Sandhill) There is a \$500,000 bill that needs to be paid before work can be done. Ms. Rabbithead was advised to work with the CEO to get it paid. Last year, FBHA received \$4.7 million from the tribe and she also received \$4.4 million in Federal Funds. They are requesting \$18.1 million for 64 units within FBIR. Recommended that FBHA put together a budget and bring back. Reported that FBHA has over 26 full-time employees along with 6 temporary contractual employees.

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

Report submitted for the record. (Oct.-Nov. 2022). Continues to maintain business activities under contracts -MEL is currently managing approximately 60 contracts with several different federal and Dept of Defense agencies. Perpetual pursuant of future government contracts in a variety of areas, for professional services, products, construction and more. Ongoing/continuous improvement using Project Management reporting and tools. Focused on growing our commercial businesses, example in broadband, energy and battery activities. MEL has provided TAT with 10 dividend payments in 2022 of \$21,100/month for a total of \$211,007. YTD MEL has paid \$540,934 in debt service. Dae Sung has shipped over \$8 Million in armor to the US Dept of State to supply personal armor for Ukraine activities. Dae Sung also awarded GSA O&M contract for \$15 Million over 10 years in St. Louis, MO. Grose Construction has been awarded a \$4M Move and Relocation contract with Dept. of interior. Added 2 new customers (1) Indian Health Services and (2) US Geological Survey. POEM Design was awarded the 2022 Innovator award from TechND.

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

Item deferred.

K. Four Bears Casino– *Wesley Scott Wilson, General Manager, Spencer Wilkinson, Jr, CEO & Pat Packineau, COO*

Report submitted for the record. Donald Chapin filled the new Casino Operations position. Councilwoman Monica Mayer gives suggestions to bring up the slot revenue. The casino gross revenue has been declining. They are looking into ways to save on casino costs and also ways to make more revenue. In June of 2023 will be 30 years for the Four Bears Casino. They plan on having a big celebration.



VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.





CERTIFICATION

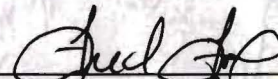
I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Economic Development Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 7th of February, 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 7th day of February, 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