



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight called the meeting to order at 11:54 AM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear (*Conference call*), & Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 12th, 2022 Cultural Committee Minutes.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve January 2nd, 2022 Cultural Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Florence Brady

Seeking sponsorship for the 73rd Annual Native American Church Convention in June 16th-19th at the 4Bears Casino. Presented a budget for \$59,570 budget and have fundraised \$25,864, but have a short fall of \$33,000+. Needed to reschedule fundraised but couldn't due to circumstances. Asking the council to assist with \$33,700. Youth day starts on June 13th. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear supports this group and commends them for all they do. Councilwoman Monica Mayer agrees and is a strong supporter of the Native American Church, this is the National conference and is in support to forward to TBC.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to TBC. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

B. Caroline Griffith

Conducting research on mineral rights on the mineral bed of the Missouri River. Councilwoman Monica Mayer sending it to the TBC and noted the IRB approval comes from the TBC. She will call into the April 11th Executive Committee meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to Executive Committee. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

C. Mary Baker, NAGPRA Officer, Cultural Resource Manager



The Long Arm Bundle is currently held in the custody at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. The Repatriation Department at NMAI has all supporting documentation on file for this sacred item to be repatriated to its rightful owner, Rollie Jo Knight. [Claim submitted by Arlie and Mary Ellen Knight]

As per the requirements of NMAI, official documentation needs to be provided recognizing the official tribal designee (Mary Baker, NAGPRA Officer MHA Nation) who will accompany and assist the recipient during the transfer of custody. MMAI needs a letter of support from the council for repatriation and for custody transport for Mary Baker. They need the support of the tribe to carry it out. Allen Demeray states they will send it to Legal and then to the Chairman for signature. MMAI is the repatriation.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to Executive Committee. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Mary Baker spoke about not burying anything by the Interpretive Center, Mary spoke with an elder that knows the history of that area, would like to control burn to see everything in that site. Councilwoman Monica Mayer did not know of the repatriation by the Interpretive Center. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like Mary to bring in any documentation of the area, what they are bringing back to keep the council informed.

D. Darian Morsette

Submitted report for the record. Due to the pandemic projects were slowed down. The Three Affiliated Tribes Department of Tourism is collaborating with George Washington University (GWU) to develop a tribal member and visitor survey to better understand the economic impacts of tourism in the community and gain a better understanding of the tourist profile and preferences when visiting the reservation. The MHA Tourism Department would like the permission of the Cultural Committee to conduct these surveys in order to properly gauge tribal member opinions regarding cultural heritage tourism development and visitor perceptions of the reservation's tourism offerings. The information gained from these surveys will be owned and maintained by the MHA Tourism Department. GWU staff will analyze the data. The data will be aggregated and will not identify data by any Individual respondent. This data will be used to inform decisions in the product development and marketing process, as well as provide a baseline for further tourism planning and matters concerning community perceptions of tourism. The Tourism Dept. would like to partner with students from Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College and 4 Bears Casino & Lodge as well as GWU researchers to create the surveys for visitors outside of a 100-mile radius. It is understood that the objective of these surveys is to enhance the understanding of tourism impacts, perceptions and preferences in the MHA community. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight asked, what will you do with the information, Darian states the information will assist them to see what the general population would like to see done. There are no records of input such as this in the



Tourism records. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like to know what visitors would like to see from our historical sites. Added a report as to what Tourism has done in the past 5 years.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to TBC. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

E. BIA Concern

Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight states BIA is holding up a lot of progress as to what we are trying to get done, there is no response from them. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear asked, what can we do to work better with BIA. Councilwoman Monica Mayer suggests to push this to Chairman to resolve. We had this in every committee with the BIA not functioning and everything is behind and no one is answering phones and no one has gotten back to us, skip the local and to the Secretary of State. Need to address this problem at the Executive Committee

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to Executive Committee. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

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

Item deferred.

B. Tourism – Darian Morsette, Director

Item deferred.

C. Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director

Item deferred.

D. Language Department – Tony Lone Fight, Director

Item deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.

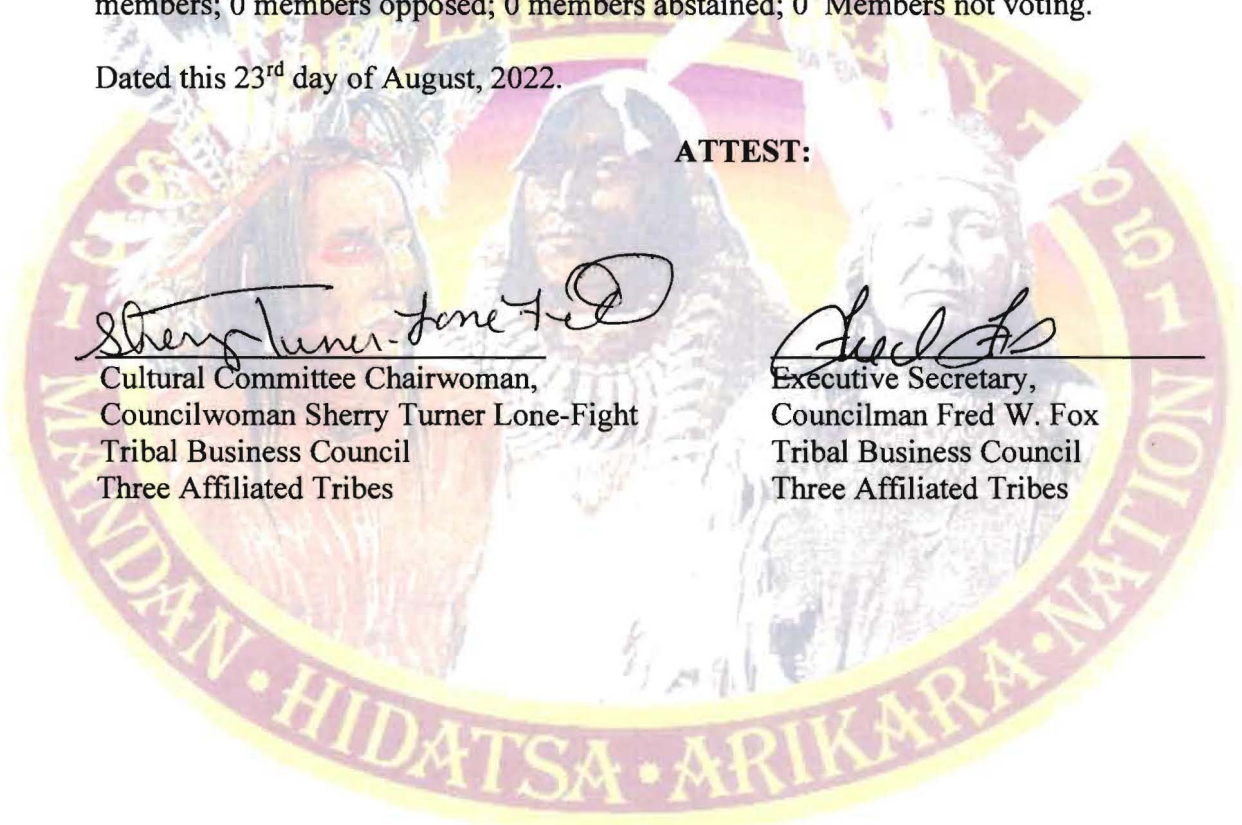


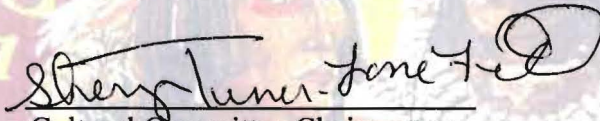
CERTIFICATION

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; 3 were present at the Cultural Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 23rd day of August, 2022; 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 23rd day of August, 2022.

ATTEST:





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



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