

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Fred Fox called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM.

## **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight. Councilman Fred Fox & Councilman Cory Spotted Bear *Quorum established.* 

# I. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• April 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 Natural Resources Committee Minutes.

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to approve the April 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 Natural Resources Committee meeting minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

## III. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

## A. ND High Way 73 Project - Austin Hill, KLJ

Mark Anderson presented. The committee was shown a power point that KLJ had that explained the upcoming project on Highway 73. Project goals are wider shoulders, flattened in the slopes, improved curve geometry, climbing lanes, roundabout at Hwy. 73 & ND 22. Pavement improvements, & Structure Replacements. Ray Barchinger, a plan and design are done, now a ROW is needed. From FBIR to off the reservation on Hwy. 73. There are 5 allotments and trust, waiting to have a meeting regarding this. One section is privately owned and does not real affect the project. This project will begin the summer of 2022. The NDOT has sent out notifications of the project to the allottee and they have only received on response back so far. They are attempting to meet with the allottee, there is around 70 of them.

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to TBC. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

#### B. 2022 TAT Cemetery Code - Lane Standish

Ed Hall created a Cemetery Code and Lane presented it today for the first reading. Has been reviewed by Legal.

#### FTR: Councilwoman Monica Mayer joined the meeting at 1:35 PM.

Spread thin to work on all the cemetery work. There are 21 cemeteries from Twin Buttes to New Town. There were about 1,700 graves moved from Elbowoods. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear inquired about fencing, and informed the presenter that a couple cemetery's in Twin Buttes still need fencing. FF asked Mr. Standish to meet with Austin Gillette about work that needs to be done at the Old Scout Cemetery in White Shield. They are currently getting markers for them. Next week have foot stones for Queen of Peace cemetery to install. Want to replace all the



footstones with the \$120,000 budget for this year to work on these. Work with the Corps of Engineers who is going to pay half the cost. BJ Brady informed Lane there are unmarked graves by Pouch Point.

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox forward the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Cemetery Code to TBC. Seconded the motion. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

## C. Jackie White Calf East Segment

#### Item deferred.

## D. Skunk Creek Recreation Area Request

#### Item deferred.

#### E. Elk Pasture Lease South Segment

Jody Ground presented Elk Pasture leases for the South Segment Elk Project that have Legal review. Looking for a land swap in Phase I for the 500-acre pasture in allotments: 981A, 1116, 1130, 1133 & 3095.

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to TBC. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

## F. Indian Land Tenure Foundation – Edward Hall

Hand out of Indian Land Tenure Foundation information. People need to learn more about their land that was taken.

## G. Bernie Fox Land Issue

His dad Angus Fox had land in Mandaree that was exchanged and approved by the tribe by resolution 04-049-RP back in 2004. When years later he was using land that didn't get recorded. 5 years ago, they found out from BIA Superintendent Kayla Danks BIA the land in question is still registered as the tribes land. the road project started in Mandaree, they came through and scraped the top of the land off. About 3 weeks ago, his niece texted Bernie that she wanted to put a home on the land. His dad wanted his five children to have land by each other. One of Mr. Fox's relatives wants to put a home site in Mandaree area which is in the middle of Angus Fox's land which still shows as tribal land. This issue has caused a feud with relatives.

The gross negligence of the BIA by not doing the land exchange from 16 years ago. Why can't we have an advocate to work with the BIA to make sure these things get done. Texx Lone Bear recommends Legal review for this land exchange. Councilman Fred Fox recommended Texx Lone Bear get a list of land exchanges and sit with the BIA and see if they were finished. Councilwoman Monica Mayer stated that we need our own Reality Agent to work with BIA.

## IV. NATURAL RESOURCE

## A. TAT Irrigation Project Reserve Status Resolution

4 tracts, would like to put these into reserve in the Lucky Mound & White Shield areas.



*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward resolution to TBC. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

#### **B.** Home Sites - Resolution

- 1) Grant Barley- North Segment
- 2) Travis Jensen- East Segment

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

C. Easement for Utility Corridor West & North Segment

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to TBC. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

#### D. Land Sale - North Segment

Try Citi-Care building located in New Town, this includes the lot and building. The building was established in 1984. There is no appraisal. Councilwoman Monica Mayer is looking for a sober living site. North Segment offered \$275,000. The other bidder has until June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If they don't respond then North Segment will get the bid.

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to TBC. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

## E. Land Exchange South Segment

Item deferred for further consultation between Councilman Cory Spotted Bear & Jim Mossett.

# F. Land Exchange West Segment- Howard Fettig

[Insert Descriptions]

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to TBC. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

#### G. Agricultural Lease Resolution

Blanket motion on resolution entitled, "Agricultural Leases on Tribal Land".

- 1) John Stone Jr South Segment
- 2) Scott Simenson East Segment

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward resolution for both to TBC. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

## H. Funding Request

Funding Request for Hidatsa Hills located in North Segment for \$151,150 needs to be approved for Brosz Engineering to do the work.



*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward to TBC. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

#### I. Fort Berthold Rural Water (FBRW)

Resolution entitled, "Consent to Certain Right(s) of Way across Tribal Land.

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward resolution to TBC. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

#### J. OTHER: Cultural Committee

1) New Town Football Booster Club Sponsorship - Dustin Benton and Travis Herman, Coaches

These individuals seeking financial sponsorship football camps in Fargo for junior high and high school students. The request is for \$22,000. According to policy the tribe can do 50% which is \$11,000. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear also suggested that Councilwoman Monica Mayer get approval to help compensate the rest and recommended an Executive Order.

2) Native American Nationals Premier Indigenous Series II - Nathanial Preston Smith The sponsorship would aid us in our team's first traveling basketball tourney in Mesa, Arizona, Native American Nationals Premier Indigenous Series II, with our youth 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> grade boys on June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2022. The travel dates start on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, as the coach's meeting for teams is on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, so the duration of the trip will be June 22nd\_261h• We plan to stay in an Airbnb down in Mesa, Arizona, with the whole team, and all for costs and travel are available on a spreadsheet. Moreover, staying with the whole team is better than a hotel stay because it generates cohesion and team building. Additionally, our young athletes also have a food fundraiser before we leave in June. The support from our MHA Nation would help and invest in our young native athletes who are excited and proud of the opportunities that they get to experience in their sportsmanship.

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve \$600 per student according to policy. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion carried.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion:* Councilman Fred Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 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 3 were present at the meeting thereof duly called, notice, convened and held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:

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

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