



**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM.

**II. PRAYER:**

Harry Sitting Bear

**III. ROLL CALL:**

*Present:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer (for Councilman Mervin Packineau), Councilman Robert White, & Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight. *Quorum established.*

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **9-29-2022 Cultural Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Motion:* Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the 9/29/2022 Cultural Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

Next Committee meeting Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Next meeting after Economic Committee(10AM).

**1) Language and Cultural Advocacy Planning – Lenny Real Bird & Harry Sitting Bear**

Presented via phone. Discussed a plan to assess & develop a strategic plan to guide the direction of the MHA Language programs. Objective is to conversational & fluent language development. Dr. Real Bird noted that it should take about 1000 hours to reach this point. At the rate that schools present the language it would take 55 years. Would like to see the hours taught in the schools increased to 10 hrs. /week to drop that number down to 10 years. Also, need to develop timelines and bring in best practices to see what is working. Also noted that in Browning, they brought in the teachers from Hawaii to help at one time. Data can help determine interest. Dr. Real Bird also discussed the Master Apprentice model, Foreign Service method of teaching languages. Developing a goal to shorting the learning time it takes to get to fluency with data and assessment. Offered his services through his contract to develop this. Harry Sitting Bear provided his insights and



comments on the state of the language programs. Expressed the importance of the language & culture in our day to day lives. Would like to see tribal employees get time off for language classes. Stressed the importance of the Language & Culture Dept. Told a story of how sign language is a tool to reinforce the learning process of teaching the language. Dr. Real Bird asked the committee to support the plan. Tony Lone Fight, Language & Culture Director expressed his support to the program.

**VII. PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**A. Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) – *Allan Demaray Jr., Director & Mary Baker, Assistant Director***

Report submitted for the record. Currently have 5 staff. Total of 65 sent out in FY23 with the majority going to Bartlett & West. Recent activities include: Federal Aviation Administration and NPS on Section 106 consultation. Development of Air Management. PA agreement with Air Force Academy visitor center. US Nuclear Regulatory Commission-EA and consultation, waiting on copy of EA for review. Working towards launching our new website for THPO. Working with Patti Gourneau on Northern Plains Connector with updates and possible site visit this spring. Transmission lines from Montana to North Dakota. Review of PA for Air Force Global Strike Command. Pamela Miller. Consulted with Theodore Roosevelt National Park Livestock Plan and concurring with their primary plan. Magellion Pipestone Reroute meeting and consultation next month. Colorado Springs Fine Art Center at Colorado College Disposition consultation regarding NAPRA. Completing our National Park Service Grant this month. Reviewing and commenting on Bulletin 38 with Pam Yellowbird. Consultation with Nebraska Department of Transportation on Highway US 183. NAGPRA consultation with Hot Springs, South Dakota. Seeking to create a new position to take over data collection. Continuing reinterment of remains. Councilwoman Monica Mayer discussed the need for the Dept. to step up with the UND items to be coming back to the MHA Nation. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight would like to see an Org Chart, budget and job descriptions for the Dept. Mary Baker provided her recommendations and noted the issues that they deal with can be very overwhelming and recommended and recommended more staff that are credentialed such as Archeologist, anthropologist a researcher. She reminded the committee that they still need land for repatriation. Handling the ancestors remains necessitates keeping spiritually clean and noted that it is up to the Director to get this done. Ms. Baker also expressed the need for a code & better facility. Above all we have the need for better communication with leadership. Would like start having meeting once a month in the Earth Lodges to smudge and will be starting next Tues. to feed the elders and to discuss issues.

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

*Item deferred*



**C. Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director**

*Item deferred*

**D. Culture & Language Dept. – Tony Lone Fight, Director**

**1) Travel**

Like to add Culture/Language to the Hawaii trip and send additional people to take in language events and visit some of the most successful language immersion schools. \$7K /person for 4 people to visit language school. Their school program. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight would also like to send some people.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve Cultural & Language Dept. to attend from Language & Culture funding. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Due to time restraints the group will need to use an Executive Order. Councilman Robert White recommended ensuring they submit the budget. West Segment attendees from West Segment funds.

**2) Arikara Dictionary Contract Renewal**

Presented Joshua Richards contract for renewal.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward with approval to TBC. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**3) Creating An Office Manager Position.**

Staff at 18 for the dept. Requested an Office Manager position be developed for the program and remove the Administrative Assistant position. Have two opening for Arikara Apprentices. Councilwoman Monica Mayer recommended insuring budget is there for it.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve creating the position. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Have HR creating position description and open and advertise. Dependent on budget and work with the CFO. And have Tammy Hammer in mind from an Assistant position who would be great. Could eliminate the old position after.

**E. Language Program – Maybella Lone Fight / Aaron Abby**



*Item deferred*

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm. 3-0-0



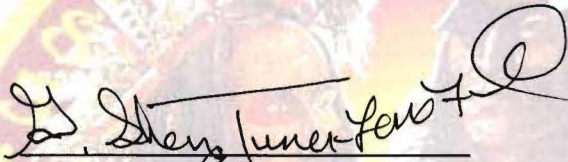



**CERTIFICATION**

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 27<sup>th</sup> day 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

**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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