



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

I. ROLL CALL:

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **February 7th, 2023 Cultural Committee Minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve February 27th, 2023 Cultural Committee Minutes. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Next Meeting Date

March 20th, 2023.

B. Maagarishda Nest – Nora Packineau

Getting ready to open up a home, thanked Councilwoman Monica Mayer for a home. The program was successful, children came out of the home able to understand when spoken to in native language. Will be going on KMHA Radio 2-3 times a month and speak to the elders, will discuss today about warbonnet dances. Creating a website and developing have podcasts. Need a smart board. Nora received a grant but did not incorporate the smart board into the budget. Received monies from the Tribe too.

Motion: Councilman Robert White moved to forward to Executive Committee with a recommendation to purchase from the General Fund (Councilwoman Monica Mayer, NS will pledge \$1,000). Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Amber Gwin requested funding for elder language teachers. Tony Lone Fight will noted that they need to hire 5 more staff. Councilman Robert White will hire 3 and keep them under his staff, if they help 2 times a week in the 4 Bears Community. More like this is needed.

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. Culture & Language Department – Tony Lone Fight, Director

Report submitted for the record. New apprentices are coming on board and the Arikara Culture Center may come under the management of the Culture & Language Department. HIRES: We are currently in the process of hiring new Sahnish Apprentices. In the past we have not had the number of candidates that we wanted, but currently we have 5. They are getting their preliminary backgrounds currently. TBC approved the contract with Joshua Richards and the work on the Arikara Database continues. Teach language at the Good Road continues from last year with great feedback. Classes in all three languages being held at the Interpretive Center in New Town. Sahnish is now on hold as the teacher, Thomas Plenty Chief Jr., is preparing to work with some new apprentices. The Dept. provides books, CD's and other materials for language projects and teachers in the various schools. We hope to continue creating closer ties with Headstart, Mandaree language program and the Maagarishda Hidatsa Language Nest. Submitted proposal as requested by the Cultural Committee. The Clan Directory is a database of MHA members and to which clan they belong. It is a cultural touchstone and is used at a critical time in a Hidatsa family, such as during funeral arrangements but also in knowing clan relatives for many other purposes. Sisters Bernie Young Bird and Benita Lone Bear have been keeping this list of Hidatsa clans for about 20 years. The last update was prior to the COVID pandemic. Benita also retired in 2021. The current Clan Directory started with the list of clan members from John Yellow Wolf, Tillie Walker and Wanda Shepard. These, and other elders, were concerned about sharing language, culture, and the meaning of clans with future Hidatsa. They knew that our Clan ways are important to all these aspects of tribal culture. Bernie began native workshops in the mid-90s to talk about and pass on critical cultural issues. One of the outcomes of these workshops evolved into this database in 2005. "John, Tillie and Wanda said that these clans represented our identity and our place. They are critical to our identity as Hidatsa people' and we would always need to keep this information about of our way current and available," Bernie Young Bird said. "This is probably why we survived. It's important we keep it going," Young Bird said. Clan directory, have been working on the is for 20 years, would like to honor them at the next TBC under



Special Guest. The Clan information can be incorporated into the enrollment process at TAT. Councilwoman Monica Mayer will be working on Clanship in North Segment by having public information/cultural teachings. Mary Gachupin informed the committee that they are working with Harry Sitting Bear on clans. Tony Lone Fight submitted a proposal to hire 2 more workers. TBC adds a tribally funded position into the Savant Taft's Department of Enrollment to continue this work. This will add approximately \$75,000.00 to Mr. Taft's current budget for salaries. There should also be \$15,000 added for marketing and travel for a total budget of \$90,000.00. Currently the Clan Directory is an Excel file. Once filled, the new person will have to create a plan to put the file online and protect it with appropriate safeguards. They will need to consult elders on who should have this information. Once they have a plan, they can bring it to the Culture Committee and to TBC for the one-time funding for implementation. It is also possible that the file could remain in XL. This person would also attend MHA event to keep soliciting new and updated information. New births and clan adoptions make keeping the list up-to-date a complex challenge. Councilman Fred Fox asked Tony to take over on the Cultural Center in White Shield eventually and he agreed.

E. Language Program – Maybella Lone Fight / Aaron Abby

Item deferred

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Robert White moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.

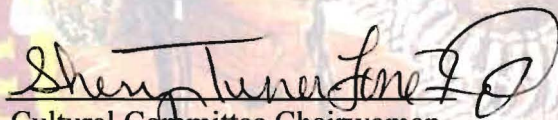


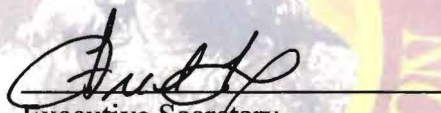
CERTIFICATION

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 3rd day of March, 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 3rd day of March, 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
Three Affiliated Tribes