



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

I. ROLL CALL:

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

• **March 20th, 2023 Cultural Committee Minutes.**

Motion: Councilman Robert White moved to approve the March 20th, 2023 Cultural Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

• **April 25th, 2023 Cultural Committee Minutes.**

Item deferred.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Next Committee Meeting.

June 12th, 2023 following Economic and Education Committee meetings.

- B. Buffalo Butchering and Cultural Teachings – Red Rock Eagle Standing Perkins**
Red Rock Perkins enrolled member from White Shield. Moved off reservation as a teenager and met and worked with a number of elders and knowledge keepers from different tribes over the years. In the past few years he has gotten to know Arlo Iron Cloud & Lisa Watters-Janis and they have worked with them learning how to butcher buffalo in a traditional or original way. Every part of the buffalo is used without any machinery just knives. Will have a curriculum set up in the documents handed out. Would like to bring this home and incorporate the knowledge from each segment. This is a two-year proposal to develop the Buffalo Harvesting Curriculum and Community Strategy. Includes stipends for the elders. Have worked a similar program in Standing Rock/Cannonball. Grand total budget of \$150,000. The first year is \$77,000. Red Rock Perkins is going through hunter safety course to do an actual hunt. Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone Fight recommended working with the Interpretive Center, Tourism, the College or even Recovery Services. Red Rock Perkins noted that the Tribal herd is working to grow their herds this year. Councilman Robert White asked Red Rock Perkins to develop a clear return on



investment. Delphine Baker states she would like to collaborate and do some work with Red Rock Perkins. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states the best person to work with is Councilman Cory Spotted Bear, Twin Buttes has buffalo and Cory is knowledgeable with cultural activities. Delphine Baker could put together a contract to help get this project going.

C. Cultural Liaison/Survey Update – Vivian Lone Fight

Vivian gave an update. Working with the fluent Hidatsa speakers in Mandaree. Created an organization, Mission & core values. Working to put up signage around West Segment. Developed QR codes that when scanned will give you the English/Hidatsa translation. Elders developed the questions, did door to door and had four events to complete the survey.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Tribal Historic Preservation Office – Allan Demaray, Director

Submitted report for the record. The Director spoke about the buffalo proposal that Red Rock Perkins presented and efforts they have taken to move it along. He stated that him and Councilman Spotted Bear have been working with the college to start things up. This winter they butcher 8 buffalo. Changes in the dept. included eliminating the Assistant Director position to hire NAGPRA Coordinator & Archeologist. Assistant Director/NAGPRA Officer resigned from her position. Pembina Yellow Bird was hired through contract as THPO Consultant. Director Demaray injured ankle and had to recover. Reviewing Archeologist and NAGPRA Coordinator positions for THPO. Purchased two Trimble and equipment for our field positions and scheduling training for all our staff to utilize. Researching drones for our staff and field operatives to use. In consultation with States Department and US Embassy to repatriate our Arikara relative in Zurich Germany. Chairman Fox & I will be going over there to bring them home next year. Inadvertent discovery at Huff Hills. Went to Twin Buttes to review a site. MOU with our Culture and Language Department. THPO Employees Tribal Historic Preservation Monitor Certifications: Darren "Joe" Myrick, Section 106 Coordinator Carolyn Wolf, THPO Office Manager -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. Reviewing EA. Working towards launching our new website when completed. Working with Pattie Gourneau on Northern Plains Connector with updates and possible site visit this spring. Transmission lines form 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. Colorado Springs Fine Art Center at Colorado College Disposition consultation regarding NAGPRA. Research towards Historic Preservation to further TAT THPO Outreach: Creating Guides for Current and Future THPO Staff/Employees (This includes botanical species, wildlife, and important historical areas to the MHA People; Creating a book for what THPO Monitors need to be looking for during surveys (ex.



Stone circles, eagle trapping..); Preservation Laws; Educational Curriculums; Trainings; Historic Preservation Duties; Culture and Language Preservation & Reclamation efforts; and other similar research.

B. Tourism – Darian Morsette, Director

Item deferred.

C. Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director

Delphine provided a verbal update. Noted that she visited the Museum Shakopee. Provided a presentation to Woodstone concerning Cultural Diversity. Got 100 Juneberry trees from EMHC and Beatification planted them for us. They had to be relocated due to the construction going on near the EMHC building. Submitted for a USDA grant in March in collaboration with the Diabetes program, the College and the Language department. Title of the grant is from “From Seed to Plate”. We will find out if we have the funding in June. Traditional seed from a seed bank in Mandan and our own. At the end of the harvest will have a feast and will testing for blood sugar before and after. About a 250K grant. Community presentations to build trust among the community members to loan family heirlooms to the Interpretive Center. J.T. Seaboy is training the staff on how to use the recording studio. Tone Tones Phelan stated that he would like to step in to replace his dad in regards recording our tribal songs. He also stated that he has some cassette tapes and reel to reel audio that need to be recorded digitally. Councilman Robert White stated that he currently has Mr. Tone Tones Phelan hired and asked Mr. Phelan if he would like to be transferred over there to the Interpretive Center. Mr. Phelan may be contracted to help with that. They are going to work it out so it does not interfere with his job. Councilwoman Monica Mayer recommends to do a contract with singers to record/archive before more songs are lost forever. Councilman Robert White said to insure everything is Legal and he is protected. Beautification will be doing all their mowing. Delphine hired a spiritual person to come in and assist at the Interpretive Center. The Director advised the committee they recently had the first ever tour bus come (Destination Travel) through the Interpretive Center. About 28 visitors all together. Feed the group and tour and will be coming through once a month. The Director advised the committee that the bus tour group was disappointed with the MHA Tourism Group Dancers for not showing up at the earth lodges to perform when they were scheduled too. Councilwoman Monica Mayer expressed her displeasure with Tourism and how they are handling the Earth Lodge Village and recommend the CEO look into it. Beatification is going to providing groundskeeping services for the Interpretive Center to make it look nice. It was noted the Chairman was livid after he took dignitaries on tours and the grounds at the GRRC & the Earth Lodges were not clean. At this time the Interpretive Center doesn’t have any Tribal Maintenance staff and the other staff clean. Bringing on somebody to teach staff on how to smudge. They



recently went through a Corps of Engineering inspection of the building & grounds and everything went well. Paid about \$4K for electricity for the whole year with the solar field kicking in a credit.

D. MHA Culture & Language – Tony Lone Fight, Director

Item deferred.

E. Maagarishda Hidatsa Nest – Nora Packineau, Mary Gachupin, & Gloria Fast Dog
Provided a verbal report. Developing a building for the Nest. Inspector came in for food & Fire and passed. Working on the smartboard and digital & audio getting ready to start this fall. Working on podcasts with the development of the web site in a month or two. Elders will be recording with KMHA soon. Want to do a soft opening this summer and classes soon after. Once MHA Social Services inspects the facility, we can start to bring in kids. Currently advertising for positions and have hired one position. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked where their budget is. They were not sure. Ms. Packineau stated they are an LLC and Non-Profit Organization and registered with the State. They were given a one-time amount of \$350,000 to get started and are responsible for their own audits and fiscal management. Nora Packineau provided a history of the project and noted the kids went from 25 words to 125 words after the first assessment. Developing their own curriculum, developing recordings, doing pod casts and working with the elders. Still collaborating with the Language Program in Hawaii and developing the schedule. Councilman Robert White commended them on their progress. Mary Gachupin mentioned an interaction with a former student of theirs that he was conversing in Hidatsa. She was glad that he still remembered the lessons he learned. She was reminded on how Delvin Driver Sr. helped them get started and shared some heart felt recollections. Gloria Fast Dog expressed the importance of parental involvement because when they were growing up no English was spoken in the home.

F. Sun Dance Request- Tone Tonez Phelan

Tony Phelan is taking a trip to Montana for teepee poles for their sun dance, lava rocks and other stuff. He inquired about the \$10K for the Sundance funding. Need to turn in receipts, who gets the receipts, Committee suggests to turn in receipts and documents to Chairman's office. Councilman Robert White recommended putting the information on a spreadsheet.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.

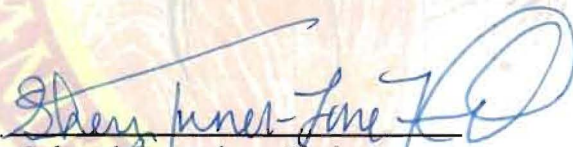


CERTIFICATION

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 12th day of June, 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 12th day of June, 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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