



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Robert White called the meeting to order 11:23 AM.

PRAYER:

Carolyn Bluestone

I. ROLL CALL:

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **April 18th, 2023 Economic Development Committee minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve the April 18th, 2023 Economic Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Next Economic Committee Meeting

June 12th, 2023.

B. Business Loan – Kevin Anderson

Called into the meeting via phone. Founder and Chief Engineer of Lane Electric Bicycles of Fargo, ND and in need of capital to start an extremely complicated line of four bicycle models. Recommended to develop a business plan and work with Symbria Bell in Business Loans.

C. Home Purchase

Item deferred.

D. Property Purchase

Item deferred.

E. Basketball Travel Sponsorship – Jake Sage



Jake Sage from Twin Buttes requested sponsorship for son who plays basketball, he is a senior this year and on a good traveling team April-August in the Prep Hoops Circuit. There is a number of MHA members on this team. Will travel to other States for tournaments. Goal is to have son go to college on a basketball scholarship. Total budget is \$13,313.19. There is a standing policy for AAU \$1,240 per student. Councilwoman Monica Mayer states, AAU policy needs to be clearer.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to follow standing policy. Councilwoman Sherry Turner Lone-Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion Amended: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved for a \$1,250 one-time assistance & authorize up to \$500/Segment and Chairman's Office. Forward to TBC for discussion & clarification on the policy Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

F. Home Repairs Reimbursement - Tammy Raines

Off reservation member seeking reimbursement for home repairs. Councilman Robert White asked Florence Brady to work with Tammy Raines with a little over \$20,000 home repair reimbursement. Forward to HIP program.

G. Home Repairs - Holly Horn

Off reservation member seeking reimbursement for home repairs. Councilman Robert White states, F & G need minutes reflecting action. Councilman Robert White asked Florence Brady to try and assist and if unable refer back to the Chairman's Office.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Planning and Grant's – Sheila Many Ribs, Director

Item deferred.

B. Tribal Housing – Florence Brady, Interim Director

Report submitted for the record. Florence Brady introduced Consultant Lori Fredericks-Pemberton. The Director discussed an employee that gave a verbal resignation but cannot be exited due to the person still having tribal equipment in their possession. The employee was notified by letter to return the equipment. AFP Funding Source Housing Improvement Grant- \$473,420. Haven't been notified that these funds were drawn down. Was informed that we have to request a fund number from Finance. Sent request to CFO for a fund number on April and to date have not received one, called finance and spoke with Carol Enno. She sent me forms that I have to fill out. The Director asked the Committee about using the grant for the replacement of appliances, furnace, washer, dryer, stove, fridge. Councilman Robert White recommended looking at the verbiage of the grant. If it's a home repair, check



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the grant if it has anything to do with appliances. Kelly Quick Bear & Melanie Minafore Update & contract questions: Melanie Minafore home repair, the contractor was to finish 6 weeks to the signature date. Melanie The start date was changed as a start date of July 31st. B2B Contract is ready to go. Both have insurance. B2B would need another \$32,000+ after insurance. What does insurance and grants have in their stipulations. Councilman Robert White recommended before taking this to TBC to ensure that the Director have each home listed and the amount of insurance to cover and the remaining balance. The main concern is why the \$400K grant still not in the program coffers. Nina Heart home will be demolished in July. The sales went through with the trailers. Councilman Robert White suggests do a quick deed, make it faster for everyone. In Mandaree in 2002, 2 homes were demolished, 1 was purchased by the committee. Sold one more to the Community. Provided report on Program inventory. There are 23 units of our housing stock funded through various resources located in the ' Four Bears Segment. Currently, we are working with Four Bears Segment to transfer these units to the Four Bears housing program. Working with Legal, GIS, Four Bears and our office to make this happen. Mandaree: Back in 2006 we received some Walking Shield houses from the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Mandaree received 5 units located on Ridge Road. These units were set up for individuals to purchase these houses through an Installment Purchase Agreement or Contact for Deed. During Council Representative Nathan Hale's administration, the Segment purchased one of these units. In 2017, Council Representative Randy Phelan wanted to purchase the remaining 4 houses. We billed the West Segment for 4 @ \$5,000 = \$20,000. The sale was not completed. Then again in 12/04/2020 we billed West Segment again for the same amount this sale wasn't complete. Then again, in 11/28/2022 we were asked to bill West Segment. However, due to severe damage inside and out rather than purchase Council Representative Sherry Turner-Lone Fight had them demolished because it would cost too much to repair. This left 2 houses remaining. Council Representative Sherrie Turner Lone Fight purchased 309 Ridge Road leaving 1 house that was occupied by Donald Young Bird. Council Representative expressed an interest in this unit. There is an individual in her segment is need of emergency housing asap and asked about this remaining Walking Shield Unit. After discussion I advised her because of the emergency situation and the individual who initially signed the installment purchase agreement/contract was deceased as was her spouse just recently. We would take back the house as there is a large outstanding bill and sale it to West Segment in the amount of \$ 5,000. Wrote her a letter so she can present to relatives so that they have a time period to remove the deceased personal belongings. White Shield: Currently we have a situation in White Shield regarding the Magdalen Yellow Bird elder house. The elder signed a designated successor form naming Jessie Yellow Bird as the successor. Before and after her passing daughter Nelrene Yellow Bird lived in the home. Our office has recently received calls regarding this house. Several weeks ago, the designated successor was in and voiced concerns that she wasn't able to live in the unit because of her sibling. She also voiced that her sister Nelrene Yellow Bird has an elder unit assigned to her in White Shield. Asked her how we can verify. She gave me the name



of the individual and I did contact the person. Indeed, she does have a lease and is paying for the elder unit she was assigned in White Shield. Not sure how to handle this situation. Elder Home Program Grant Agreement: Between the years of 2003 through 2016 23 Elder homes were built. Currently there are only 7 homes that are occupied by an Elder. Working on a grant agreement for the Elder program similar to the HIP recipients. This Elder Program was discontinued back in 2016 or so. As reported earlier, only 1 elder has been paying the monthly payment of \$50. What I would like to recommend is that the Elder Grant be reviewed and taken into consideration and these are for only the homes that are currently occupied by the/an Elder. In a nut shell once the elder has lived in the home for 10 years and has made monthly payments of \$50 or \$6, DOD they elder unit will be conveyed to the elder. If house is on allotted land no problem. If not, a tribal home site lease will have to be approved as to where the unit sits. Will complete Agreement and forward to Legal Department for review and opinion and present at the next Economic Meeting.

Discussion on FEMA Titles. Have request in to trade in 3 trucks. Working with Fixed Assets and Insurance to inspect all vehicles and equipment to ensure that all are insured and tagged. The lease will need to be switched over to West Segment.

Marlene Archambault needs to be vacated, she doesn't even stay at the residence, her late father did. Florence will give her a letter. Ethel Baker lives in another Walking Shield Unit in New Town, sold unit to Ethel, she has been paying on it \$25,700 and received \$124,000 thousands of dollars in repairs. The plan is to purchase the home but not for \$149,000, reappraise, an assessment, it's on fee owned by the tribe. The market value is \$89,000 and deduct what she paid and set up a new home mortgage with Ethel. On Tribal fee land lot. Councilman Robert White asked that it all be summarized in a report and it can be presented in Executive Committee. The lot would remain Tribal and she would need to get a home site lease. Councilman Robert White recommended working with Lenny Abrams to resolve the grant fund code and draw down. Another FEMA Trailer issue, in 2013 Carson Hale and Weston Smith signed purchase agreements for a FEMA trailer to a 2-and-a-half-acre lot in Mandaree and nothing further was done with it. Florence would like to have the trailer moved, he requested if the tribe would sell Bill Hale Jr. the trailer for \$1000 or remove it from the property. Councilman Robert White recommended getting it off the books and working with Legal to get rid of it. Another issue is an elder unit in White Shield where the elder passed and left a successor, the daughter (successor) who does not live in the home, but her sibling does (who already has an elder unit). The elder home is on Maggie's property, but willed it to the son. The Director inquired about a committee to review renovation application through the grant. Councilman Robert White recommended developing a point system & criterion.

C. Small Loans – Mary Ellen Sun, Lead Loan Officer

Item deferred.

D. Business Loans – Symbria Bell, Business Loan Officer



Item deferred.

E. TAT Mortgage Program – Valerie Mayer, Credit Manager

Item deferred.

F. MHA Interpretive Center – Delphine Baker, Director

Item deferred.

G. MHA Communications – Jacqueline Spegal / Delvin Driver Jr., Board President
Tiara Tauetia in monthly report to Committee. Radio station is looking for funding for tower equipment. Councilwoman Monica Mayer noted that the New Town News folded so our newspaper will need step up their presence. Committee expressed concern over the Director not reporting.

H. Fort Berthold Housing Authority (FBHA) – Coby Rabbithead, Executive Director/CFO

Item deferred.

I. Midi Enterprise – Clarence O’Berry, CEO

Item deferred.

J. Missouri River Resources (MRR) – David Williams. CEO

Item deferred.

K. 4Bears Casino – Scott Wilson, General Manager

Item deferred.

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Emily Connors

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Economic Development Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Economic Development Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 12th 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:

Economic Development Committee Chairman,
Councilman Robert White
Three Affiliated Tribes

Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Three Affiliated Tribes