

# NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE TOURISM ALLIANCE

November 3, 2020 at 10am

Phone Conference

Board of Directors Meeting

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## MINUTES

### 1. Call to order/Roll call- establish a quorum

Meeting called to order at 10:14 am by Vice President Darian Morsette

Roll Call

**Present:** Darin Morsette -Vice-President, MHA Nation  
Selina LaFontaine- Secretary, Turtle Mountain Band  
Jen Martel – At Large, Standing Rock Tribe  
Collette Brown, Spirit Lake Nation  
Eric Grey Cloud, Standing Rock  
Tamara St. John – Wahpeton Sisseton Oyate  
Doug Sevigny, Treasurer- Spirit Lake Nation  
Barb Little Owl- Standing Rock Tribe  
Gary Snow, MHA Nation  
Les Thomas- President, Turtle Mountain Band

Quorum Determine

### NOT Present

Alternates:

Jason Morsette - MHA

### NDNTA Advisory Committee Members

Anna - GW

Stacey LaCompte - Strengthen ND

### Others Present

Pati Martinson

Terri Bad Hand

### 2. Opening Prayer: By Doug

### 3. Approval of Agenda - Agenda Review – No Conflict of Interest

Les ask to add under New Business c. Doug approval to obtain NDNTA Debit card for paying bills.

Darian calls for the motion to approve. Selina makes the motion. Doug seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes 10/8/20

Darian calls for the motion to approve. Jen makes the motion. Doug seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

5. Treasurer Report/bank Statements - Doug stated that the NDNTA Bank account is currently at \$17,361.45.

Darian calls for the motion, Selina makes the motion. Jen seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

6. New Business

a. Woksape Project: Technical assistance to strengthen food systems Pati Martinson & Terrie Bad Hand

Presentation was given they are looking to come to North Dakota Tribal communities to help assist with technical assistance on food sovereignty. They created the Native Food Cohort.

Woksape Project is asking for recommendations from us to be able to start conversations within the 5 tribes.

Selina will send out to all board their information along with sending our emails to Pati and Terrie.

b. Request for funding to establish NDNTA Zoom Account (\$160/year) - Selina  
Selina will need the treasurer to pay for the account and she will send the information to Doug.

GW can pay for the first year after November of 2020.

Darian calls for the motion, Les makes the motion. Collette seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

c. Doug- Bank Debit Card

Board wants all the expenditures to go before the board with a report to show.

Darian calls for the motion, Les makes the motion. Selina seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

Note: Darian had to leave the meeting and the President will continue to lead the meeting.

7. Old Business

a) Matador Network follow up - Les, Anna stated that the time has expired for this.

b) Indigenous Tourism of the Americas- Discussion/Feedback -Anna will send to Selina to send out to the BODs.

- c) Request from Stacey Lacompte (letter from NDNTA for her services) Stacey will resend to Selina/Les for Les signature. This is needed for the work she does with Strengthen ND and the grant under USDA.
- d) Request from Fred Walker follow up - Les, This has also expired
- e) NDNTA Subcontract Requirements
  - i. Review subcontract requirements doc (see attached) Anna is still waiting (GW) to come on officially.
  - ii. Update on Legal Review of Polices/Update on 501c3 Status -Selina is waiting for the legal to finish the review of the bylaws to submit to IRS.
  - iii. Hiring Subcommittee Meetings- Anna states we need more people, the hiring matrix, the hiring procedures and we will restart the sub committee meetings starting on Wednesday @ 10am. They will be every wednesday using the NDNTA conference line.

Note: Darian rejoins the meeting.

## 8. Tribal Updates

**SL** - Collette, Casino has new Kiosks, and the Restaurant is open. Still battling the electronic pull tabs.

Doug- Tribe is still closed down, no budget and looking at economic plan for bees.

**SR** - Jen, still doing the virtual classes. Tourism is slow, looking at the opportunity with Food Sovereignty

**TM** - Selina, Main Street Summit on Zoom, Indigenous Forum and Committee Zoom, Working with Anna and Stacey on the Sub committee work.

Les- Working with Natural Resources, Peace Garden

**SW** - Tamara, Covid 19, lack of support within tribal administration. She is active and advocating, along with trying to find another person to bring on board. She has been following the SD initiatives with tribal tourism.

THPO Grants and Digital Tours providing their history.

**MHA** - Darian, MHA Tourism has been working with Agency Mabu on a Virtual Website with Travel Stories.

Participated in the Main Street Zoom also the Indigenous Forum.

Lewis and Clark Trails

Dunn County Signage

State Park and Rec

Working on the Interpretive Center Opening

Gary- we now have electricity out at the Earth Lodge.

Les calls for the adjournment of the meeting, Darian makes the motion, Doug seconds.  
**All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:35am