



Board Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Remote (Zoom):

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1. Call to Order
2. Introductions and Opening Prayer
3. Approve Minutes for May 17, 2024, board meeting
4. Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair election
5. MOA with UM Anthropology Department. Agreement signed – update from Terri.
6. New Cases
 - a. PR-04 – It was reported that the Powder River County museum has human remains on display. The remains were found by a local rancher and given to the museum. Jessica to update the board on her calls to the museum. Board action to be determined based on Jessica’s research
 - b. MO-04 – Remains found near Ft. Missoula. Case handled by Erika and Kevin. Update to board – no action needed/case closed.
 - c. FR-02 – Human tooth found during archaeological excavation at Reed and Bowles Trading Post. Update from Weber Greiser, possible board action needed.
7. Break (TBD)
8. Cases Requiring Board Action
 - a. FA-01 – Jessica worked with Chair Fisher and Terri on a letter for the sheriff’s office in

Fallon County to ask about the location of the associated burial items. That letter was mailed March 29th. Since no response was received, Chair Fisher called the Fallon County Sheriff's office and left a message for Sheriff Harbaugh. To date, he has not received a call back. Need board action on next step.

- b. FH-01/UN-08 – Now that MOA is signed, need board action to begin DNA testing.
- c. PR-03 – Board asked Jessica Bush to contact landowner regarding reburial at original location. Update from Jessica and possible board action needed.
- d. RB-01 – Jessica Bush to contact Forest Dunning regarding the location of the remains. Update from Jessica and possible board action needed.
- e. TL-01/TL-02. Update from John Murray or Gheri Hall. As noted by Gheri during the May meeting, the tribe secured a plot of land for use as a repatriation site. Alternatively, Duane can arrange to have remains repatriated and reburied at First Peoples Buffalo Jump, if board desires and approves.
- f. UN-02, UN-03, UN-04, UN-05, UN-06, UN-07, UN-11. - All scalp locks from the Montana Historical Society. Board discussion and action needed.
- g. UN-09 - Update from Gheri Hall. Case is from the Montana Historical Society. Remains are a skull removed from a body located near Bear Gulch, Montana. UN-07 associated with UN-09. UN-07 is a scalp lock, thought to be from a white woman and potentially an object of patrimony. Remains initially thought to be Blackfeet, and later, Crow. Gheri to ask John about these remains and if the tribe should revisit whether they are Blackfeet. Board discussion and action needed.

9. Case Updates

- a. BH-01/TE-01 – Awaiting arrangements and transfer to Aaron Brien. Update from Aaron.
- b. BH-02 – Waiting on reburial report from Aaron Brien. Update from Aaron.
- c. CR-02 – Meradeth has begun the DNA analysis. She will provide Jessica with the report once it is complete. Update from Jessica.
- d. LC-01 - Update from Kevin Askan on his research into the plot of land in the Helena area as a repatriation site for these remains.
- e. MO-01 – Awaiting transfer of remains to Kevin Askan for reburial. Update from Kevin.
- f. MO-02 – Kevin Askan to update board on his efforts to contact Tim Ryan. A friend of Tim's discovered the remains in his parent's belongings (Rattlesnake area, Missoula County). Location of remains is unknown.
- g. ML-02/UN-01 – Awaiting transfer to Michael Blackwolf for reburial. Update from Michael.
- h. TL-03/UN-12 – Duane Reid is arranging reburial at First Peoples. Update from Duane.
- i. UN-10. - Update from Erika Scheuring and Duane Reid. Remains are from the Leech Lake reservoir area and brought to Montana by the Army Corp of Engineers. Duane and

Erika to prepare an email to the Leech Lake THPO to obtain written permission from the tribe to reinter the remains in Montana, because of the Little Shell's relationship to the Leech Lake tribe and the Little Shell tribe's spiritual leadership who could officiate reburial.

10. New Board Members.

- a. Chair Fisher's resignation from the board. Per Conrad, his tribal president is working on a board replacement.
- b. Jonathan Windy Boy, THPO for the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, is the tribal appointed representative for the board. His board appointment is in process.

11. Next meeting date.

12. Meeting Adjournment.