

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES  
OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN NATION, MONTANA**

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Zoom Meeting

Held: September 17, 2020  
Approved: September 22, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelly Fyant, Chairwoman; Anita Matt, Vice-Chairwoman; Ellie Bundy McLeod, Secretary; Martin Charlo, Treasurer; Carole Lankford (via zoom); James “Bing” Matt; Fred Matt; Charmel Gillin; Mike Dolson; and Len TwoTeeth.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:06 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Len TwoTeeth.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for September 15, 2020 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2020, with corrections. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Concerned Tribal Members** requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personal matter. **Craige Couture** and **Vern Fisher**, Law & Order; and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department; were present for discussion. **Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, joined the discussion.

**Craige Couture**, Law & Order, requested to meet with council in **executive session**. **Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

\*\*\*\*\* **Break** \*\*\*\*\*

**Tony Incashola, Jr., Ron Swaney and Bob McCrea**, Division of Fire, requested approval of the Annual Fire Management Operating Plan between the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Bison Range, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Flathead Agency and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

**MOTION** by Fred Matt to approve by resolution the Annual Fire Management Operating Plan between the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Bison Range, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Flathead Agency and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

### **RESOLUTION 20-185**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN ANNAUL FIRE MANAGEMENT OPERATING PLAN BETWEEN THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NATIONAL BISON RANGE, AND THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region are signatory to the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and the Statewide Annual Operating Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and the Statewide Annual Operating Plan identifies the need for Agencies and Cooperators to develop Annual Operating Plans to further define how they will work together in the suppression of wildfires and other fire management activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes perform fire suppression duties for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region on the Flathead Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Bison Range is located within the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation: and

**WHEREAS**, it is of mutual advantage for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and US Fish and Wildlife Service to cooperate in the suppression of wildfire and other fire management activities under the authority of the Montana Cooperative Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Bison Range and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have developed an Annual Operating Plan that better defines the cooperative approach to the suppression of wildfires and other fire management activities for benefit of both entities and the public that they serve; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council hereby agrees to enter into an Annual Fire Management Operating Plan with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Bison Range.

**Tony Incashola, Jr., Ron Swaney, and Bob McCrea**, Division of Fire, requested approval to enter into a Cooperative Wildfire Management 2020-2026 Operating Plan between the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Northwest Land Office, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the Bigfork, Arlee, Charlo-Moiese, Finley Point, Ferndale, Hot Springs, Rollins, and Swan Lake Rural Fire Districts, the Chief Cliff and Swan Valley Fire Service Areas, the Polson, Ronan and St. Ignatius City and Rural Fire Departments, and the USDA Forest Service, Flathead National Forest.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve by resolution to enter into a Cooperative Wildfire Management 2020-2026 Operating Plan between the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Northwest Land Office, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the Bigfork, Arlee, Charlo-Moiese, Finley Point, Ferndale, Hot Springs, Rollins, and Swan Lake Rural Fire Districts, the Chief Cliff and Swan Valley Fire Service Areas, the Polson, Ronan and St. Ignatius City and Rural Fire Departments, and the USDA Forest Service, Flathead National Forest. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

#### **RESOLUTION 20-186**

**A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT FIRE MANAGEMENT OPERATING PLAN BETWEEN THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION, NORTHWESTERN LAND OFFICE, THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, THE BIG FORK, ARLEE, CHARLO-MOISE, FINLEY POINT, FERNDALE, HOT SPRINGS, ROLLINS, AND SWAN LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS, THE CHIEF CLIFF AND SWAN VALLEY FIRE SERVICE AREAS, THE POLSON, RONAN, AND ST. IGNATIUS CITY AND RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND THE USDA FOREST SERVICE, FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF FIRES WITHIN LAKE COUNTY**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region are signatory to the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and the Statewide Operating Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and the Statewide Operating Plan identifies the need for Agencies and Cooperators to develop Operating Plans to further define how they will work together in the suppression of wildfires and other fire management activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes perform fire suppression duties for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region on the Flathead Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have fire suppression responsibilities within the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation and within Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, other federal, state and local government organizations also have jurisdiction within and adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation in portions of Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is best for all parties within Lake County to cooperate in the suppression of wildfires and the operating plan provides a framework on how all federal agencies, state and local government will work together to suppress wildfire; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council hereby agrees to enter into a Fire Management Operating Plan between the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Northwest Land Office, the Big Fork, Arlee, Charlo-Moise, Finley Point, Ferndale, Hot Springs, Rollins, and Swan Lake rural fire districts, the Chief Cliff and Swan Valley Fire Service areas, the Polson, Ronan, and St. Ignatius City and Rural Fire Departments, and the USDA Forest Service, Flathead National Forest for fire suppression activities in Lake County.

**Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office, requested approval to purchase capital equipment consisting of two 10x20 sheds from Miller Barns to be used as a new SKC Building Trades training program, for a cost of \$13,358.00 and free delivery. It will be funded from the Administration for Native Americans grant. Quotes were received from three manufacturers. A shed will be turned into a tiny home.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to authorize the purchase of capital equipment consisting of two sheds from Miller Barns to be used as a new SKC

Building Trades training program, for a cost of \$13,358.00. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**John Neiss**, Facility Maintenance, requested approval to purchase capital equipment consisting: a freezer and cooler compressors for KHJCC (\$30,405.30) and Elmo Hall (\$18,216.51) from Reliable Restaurant Repair, and two ice makers for Blue Bay Fisheries (\$5,258.00) from Montana Tal Slaughter; and a generator for the Arlee Medical Clinic from Baertsch Electric in the amount of \$8,330.00.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the purchase of capital equipment consisting: a freezer and cooler compressors for KHJCC (\$30,405.30) and Elmo Hall (\$18,216.51) from Reliable Restaurant Repair, and two ice makers for Blue Bay Fisheries (\$5,258.00) from Montana Tal Slaughter; and a generator for the Arlee Medical Clinic from Baertsch Electric in the amount of \$8,330.00. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Chairwoman Fyant** asked if Rick found funding for the Round House repairs. **Rick Eneas**, Financial Management, advised that he and John would have a meeting to follow up.

**Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 3 to the fiscal year 2020 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget to increase the budget for Get Out The Vote expense.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve modification 3 to the fiscal year 2020 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

#### **RESOLUTION 20-187**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 3 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 DEDICATED TRUST FUND BUDGET**

#### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES:**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to increase the budget for Get Out The Vote expense; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget will be allocated as follows:

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Programs, Functions, Services, and Activities	Budget Account	Current FY 2020 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised FY 2020 Budget
Tribal Projects	20-504-6150	5,000	5,000	10,000
Communication Projects	20-504-6155	52,000	(5,000)	47,000
Total			0	

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to modify the FY 2020 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget as reflected above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the modification does not change the total FY 2020 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget and it remains \$2,118,350.

**Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, presented a request from Brian Upton for approval of a letter of support to the House asking for them to move on S209, the Progress Act. It will revise the Self-Determination Act to bring in Title IV and Title V.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve the chair’s signature on the letter. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Rick Eneas** and **Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, requested approval of a resolution for the stimulus payment. October 31, 2020 would be the cutoff date for the issuance of payments for people who did not receive the first payment. Nobody will receive two payments. There is no second stimulus payment; this is for people who missed the payment.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution approving an extension of time to complete the COVID Relief payments. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 20-188**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE COVID RELIEF PAYMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES:**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 20-119 was approved on June 23, 2020, that authorized a COVID Relief payment on August 14, 2020, to eligible CSKT members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Financial Management has determined that additional time is needed to complete the payments to be disbursed to eligible CSKT members who met the criteria of being enrolled as of July 16, 2020, and were living as of August 14, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Financial Management proposes that all payments to be disbursed to eligible CSKT members shall be completed by October 31, 2020; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Office of Financial Management is authorized to disburse the COVID Relief payments to eligible CSKT members through October 31, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the eligibility criteria for the COVID Relief payments remains that individuals must have been enrolled as of July 16, 2020 and be living as of August 14, 2020.

**Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a consultant contract with Cimarron Medical Informatics for an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 to provide operational and management of interface services with the EPIC and RPMS system through January 31, 2021. The contract was reviewed by Legal and signed off on by the IT Department.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve a consultant contract with Cimarron Medical Informatics for an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00 to provide operational and management of interface services with the EPIC and RPMS system through January 31, 2021. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Rich Janssen** and **Dan Lozar**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to hire Jace Smith on a three-year contract to fill the Irrigation Infrastructure Program Manager position. It has been difficult to find a qualified candidate to fill the position.

**MOTION** by Fred Matt to approve the hire of Jace Smith on a three-year contract to fill the Irrigation Infrastructure Program Manager position. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Len TwoTeeth).

**Ann Miller**, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of a one-year attorney contract with George Madman. **Len TwoTeeth** would like council to schedule a meeting to discuss if all our tribal employees are going to get a pay increase because he does not want to pick and choose which departments get an increase in pay in their contracts. He wants to be fair to all employees. **Charmel Gillin** commented this situation comes to us on a regular basis and the Tribal Health

Department is a good example of many contracts that come to us regularly with pay increases. Those are often approved unanimously. We need to have a conversation with council. Fire Control has money available from their federal funding source where they can give annual increases and merit increases if it were approved by the tribal government. When they cannot give those increases, it impacts the next year's funding and they don't get additional funding. Salish Kootenai Housing Authority is another example that has funding available if we were to allow that. She would like to participate in a conversation to allow all departments to manage their budgets and give increases to their employees according to merit reward system and what they can handle in their budgets.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve by resolution a one-year attorney contract with George Madman. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Len TwoTeeth); 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 20-189**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH GEORGE MADMAN**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation wish to enter into an employment contract with George Madman to provide criminal advocacy services through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court.

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of all contracting parties that George Madman shall commence working under a contract with the Tribes according to terms and conditions stated therein; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that beginning on October 1, 2020, George Madman shall provide criminal advocacy services through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties until the expiration of this contract on September 30, 2021.

**Ann Miller**, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of a one-year attorney contract with James Gabriels.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution a one-year attorney contract with James Gabriels. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Len TwoTeeth); 0 not voting.



**RESOLUTION 20-190**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH JAMES G. GABRIELS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation wish to enter into an Attorney Contract with James Gabriels, to provide criminal defense and assistance in civil matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties.

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of all contracting parties that James Gabriels shall commence working under a contract with the Tribes according to terms and conditions stated therein; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that beginning on October 1, 2020, James Gabriels shall provide criminal defense and assistance in civil matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties until the expiration of this contract on September 30, 2021.

**Ann Miller**, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of a one-year attorney contract with Rachel Wanderscheid.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution a one-year attorney contract with Rachel Wanderscheid. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Len TwoTeeth); 0 not voting.

*Martin Charlo, for the record, "I was working there for shorter than I'd have liked, and I know how hard they work. If you look at the voicemail list sent out to us this week, this department has zero voicemails. The foot traffic they get is incredible. They worked through the entire shutdown. They work tirelessly with our membership and it seems they are the ones who get the brunt with these contracts. We're getting off cheap with them. The amount of money we pay for this department, we're getting a bargain."*

**RESOLUTION 20-191**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH RACHEL WANDERSCHIED**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation wish to enter into an Attorney Contract with Rachel Wandersheid to provide representation and assistance in civil, juvenile, and criminal matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties.

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of all contracting parties that Rachel Wanderscheid shall commence working under a contract with the Tribes according to terms and conditions stated therein; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that beginning on October 1, 2020, Rachel Wanderscheid shall provide representation and assistance in civil matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties until the expiration of this contract on September 30, 2021.

**Ann Miller**, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of her attorney contract for one year.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution a one-year attorney contract with Ann Miller. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Len TwoTeeth); 0 not voting.

*Len TwoTeeth, for the record, "I am not questioning the integrity of the work. The point I am bringing out is if we give nonmember contracts pay increases, we need to look at giving our own tribal members a pay increase."*

**RESOLUTION 20-192**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH ANN MILLER**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation wish to enter into an Attorney Contract with Ann Miller to provide criminal defense through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties and to act as the Managing Attorney of the Tribal Defenders Office; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of all contracting parties that Ann Miller shall commence working under a contract with the Tribes according to terms and conditions stated therein; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that beginning on October 1, 2020, Ann Miller shall act as Managing Attorney and provide criminal defense through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties until the expiration of this contract on September 30, 2021.

**Charmel Gillin** would to make a motion to approve all departments to recommend merit increases per their budget ability or she could hold off on that if the council wants to have a dialogue first within the budget committee. They are given instructions to prepare their budgets with the potential of a COLA. She does not know if they are given instruction to prepare for any other increases. She wants to schedule that discussion yesterday. **Chairwoman Fyant** directed that it be scheduled with Rick. **Carole Lankford** asked if it should come from the departments. They can tell us if they can give increases or not and then maybe expedite Rick's process of getting the COLA brought into council.

**Michelle Mitchell**, Tribal Education Department; and **Sisi Pete**; requested approval of a memorandum of agreement with Sisi Pete in the form of a sub-award up to \$40,000 to support the Safely Salish Distance Learning Center Pod. She has met all of the application requirements. Sisi gave an overview of her proposal. It will be run like an immersion school and run out of her home. Sisi will have 1 aide and 6 children.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve a memorandum of agreement with Sisi Pete in the form of a sub-award up to \$40,000.00 to support Safely Salish Distance Learning Center Pod. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Martin Charlo** encouraged everyone on Facebook Live to attend the flu shot event at SKC on September 30 and reminded everyone to wash their hands for at least twenty seconds, wear a mask, and social distance. **Carole Lankford** discussed methods of getting the word out on voting, census and flu shot event.

**Melinda Charlo**, Indian Preference Office, requested approval of a project specific agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for nondestructive testing and inspection of the steel elements of Bridge # 06742 located on Highway 382 crossing the Flathead River north of the intersection with Highway 200.

**MOTION** by Fred Matt to approve a project specific agreement with

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the Montana Department of Transportation for nondestructive testing and inspection of the steel elements of Bridge # 06742 located on Highway 382 crossing the Flathead River north of the intersection with Highway 200. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Melinda Charlo**, Indian Preference Office, requested approval of a project specific agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for installation or centerline rumble strips, modified shoulder rumble strips and standard delineation at one location on the Flathead Reservation located near Moiese.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve a project specific agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for installation or centerline rumble strips, modified shoulder rumble strips and standard delineation at one location on the Flathead Reservation located near Moiese. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Melinda Charlo**, Indian Preference Office, requested approval of a project specific agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for a roadside safety project consisting of installation of new guardrail, new signing and placement of new roadside fill at one site on the Flathead Reservation located near Hot Springs on Highway 200.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve a project specific agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for a roadside safety project consisting of installation of new guardrail, new signing and placement of new roadside fill at one site on the Flathead Reservation located near Hot Springs on Highway 200. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Diane Magone**, Senate District 7 Candidate, introduced herself to council and provided information on her background and experience. She ran for office during the last election because she was concerned about Medicaid expansion. Access to the ballot box, Medicaid expansion, missing persons, and education are all important issues for her. **Chairwoman Fyant** told her that the CSKT requested satellite offices for voting. Sanders County is working with us on that. We need internet access as a requirement. Lake County denied our request citing the need to purchase ballot printing equipment, so we are working through that process. We requested one day a week satellite office in Hot Springs and Elmo. Shelly had a meeting this morning regarding this issue and it is a work in progress. She should know more on Monday. Ellie Bundy McLeod serves on the Montana Missing Indigenous People's Task Force. Two Eagle River School is BIE funded. We are looking at getting access to state funding for our Montana Indian children for the last two legislative sessions. Tribes were awarded \$8 billion in CARES funding and the CSKT received \$44 million of that and set ten priorities. It does not look as though there will be an extension on the deadline

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to spend to the money. There was a several month delay in receiving the money. That legislation stalled out right now and we are not sure it will happen. We are proceeding like we have to have it spend by December 30. The main priorities council is working on right now is homelessness, broadband, business assistance for tribal member businesses, and food security. **Ellie Bundy McLeod** commented that as far as law enforcement, we have a unique situation where it has not been a problem for us. We have police that serve on the MMIP Task Force. **Carole Lankford** told her that the CSKT is looking at aquatic invasive species funding and end enforcing it. Chairwoman Fyant suggested that she attend the Native American Caucus meetings if she is elected.

**Jody Perez, Robin Thorne, Charmel McClure-Sternick, Shane Morigeau, Daniel Decker, and Mark Couture** met with council in **executive session** to discuss homelessness.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to enter into a MOA with Missoula Housing Authority. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, 7 for; 1 opposed (Mike Dolson); 2 abstentions (Bing Matt and Carole Lankford).

It was the **consensus** of council to direct the homeless committee to modify the contract with Jackola to include the Starlite only and not the other property.

**Council** showed interest in pursuing tiny homes and placing them at Maggie Ashley.

**MOTION** by Ellie Bundy McLeod to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 1:15 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod  
Tribal Secretary