

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

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Council Chambers, Pablo, MT

Held: April 5, 2022
Approved: April 7, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McDonald, Chairman; Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Martin Charlo, Secretary; Ellie Bundy McLeod, Treasurer; Carole Lankford; Jim Malatare; Jennifer Finley; Mike Dolson; and Anita Matt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: James “Bing” Matt.

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 9:00 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Jennifer Finley.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 31, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 31, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for April 1, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Chairman McDonald received an update from Steve Clairmont and the Mission West Development Partners. They hope to have a council representative partake in their meetings and serve on their board of directors. It was the **consensus** of

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council to appoint Mike Dolson as the delegate and Jennifer Finley as the alternate to the Board of Directors.

Jim Malatare thanked Patricia Hibbeler and Lisa Shourds for going with him and Bing to tour Nkwusm and the Community Center yesterday.

Anita Matt mentioned a Facebook post she shared with the Tribal Council, and she would like Dan McClure to provide an update. **Chairman McDonald** will pass the information along to Rich Janssen.

Chairman McDonald informed council the Environmental Protection Agency administrators will be holding a meeting in the council chambers on April 27, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., if any council members are interested in attending.

Council discussed their schedules and upcoming meetings. **Chairman McDonald** will be gone on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to go to a funeral.

David Gleich and **Vicki Gleich** requested approval to use the Mission Reservoir for their son's marriage and there will be 13 people in attendance. **Chairman McDonald** commented the one-day permit would be at a prorated rate for the headcount, excluding the individuals who already have a recreation permit.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve a one-day group use permit for the Gleich wedding at Mission Reservoir. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Rodney Bird, Two Eagle River School, requested approval to apply for the fiscal year 2022 – 2026 Native Youth Community Program grant from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education: Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs in the amount of \$485,000. A Family Parent Advisor was hired and family counseling services are provided. A partnership with Nkwusm could be beneficial. The school has a partnership with Early Childhood Services to build literacy skills. The school hopes to do online classes and have mentors to assist the students with online learning. The school is surveying the needs of students and parents so strategies can be implemented. TERS is looking into a partnership with S&K Technologies. The students have not fell behind in their school work due to the pandemic. The discussion continued in **executive session**. **Sandra Boham**, Salish Kootenai College; **Clarice King**, Two Eagle River School; **Katie Miller** and **Charlene Petet**, Contracts & Grants; and **Michelle Mitchell**, Tribal Education Department; were present for discussion.

Yolanda Page, **Melissa Schlichting**, **Katie Jones**, **Chelsea Colwyn**, **Lynsey Gaudio**, and **Michael Wheeler**, Legal Department; **Brad Pluff** and **David**

Morigeau, Tribal Court; and **Patricia Hibbeler**, Director of Tribal Member Services; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

***** **Break** *****

Dan Decker, **Yolanda Page**, **Melissa Schlichting**, **Stu Levit**, **Brian Upton**, **Katie Jones**, **Chelsea Colwyn**, **Lynsey Gaudio**, and **Michael Wheeler**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to rescind the action of September 16, 2021 to direct the Legal Department to provide recommendations on the Tribal Court reorganization and allow the Tribal Court to proceed with their duties. The Legal Department's only role will be to review their potential revisions or redrafting of codes and other legal issues they may encounter. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

***** **Lunch** *****

Bryan Mercier, Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director; **Dan Lozar**, Bureau of Indian Affairs; **Nick Belcourt**, Project Maintenance Supervisor; **Laurence Nelson, Sr.**, Flathead Indian Irrigation Project; **Cassie Delwo**, Flathead District Attorney; **Paul Gunzler**, Flathead District Chairman; **Dave Lake**, Flathead District Member; **Shana Radford**, Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent; **Rick Eneas**, Tribal Executive Officer; **Dan Decker** and **Chelsea Colwyn**, Legal Department; **Ryan Rusche**, Sonosky Law Firm; requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

***** **Break** *****

Katie McClure, Contracts & Grants; and **Rodney Bird**, Two Eagle River School; returned to council to seek the Tribes' support for the submission of Two Eagle River School's application for the fiscal year 2022 – 2026 Native Youth Community Program grant from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education: Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs in the amount of \$485,000. Katie contacted the grant agency and there is no rules prohibiting multiple applications from the same agency.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to support the submission of Two Eagle River School's application for the fiscal year 2022 – 2026 Native Youth

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Community Program grant from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education: Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs in the amount of \$485,000. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve a letter of support for Salish Kootenai College's grant application to the Department of Education. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 8 for; 1 opposed (Martin Charlo).

Lynn Ducharme, Natural Resources Department, discussed an offer for the Tribes to purchase a portion of the Good Works property and requested action to show interest in purchasing the property with BPA resident fish mitigation funding, allow staff to do its due diligence, and enter into a buy/sell agreement at the appraised value. The Tribes need to have legal access to property and the access will be identified before the purchase is completed. **Anita Matt** had questions about a former allotment that went into fee status. Lynn can follow up.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to show interest in purchasing a portion of the Good Works, LLC property with Bonneville Power Administration resident fish mitigation funding and enter into a buy/sell agreement. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Kari Eneas, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of the 2022-2023 Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Bird Hunting Regulations.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the 2022-2023 Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Bird Hunting Regulations. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Kari Eneas, Natural Resources Department, requested approval and signature of the letters to share the off-reservation moose harvest data with Region 1 and Region 2 Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the letters and share the off-reservation moose harvest data with Region 1 and Region 2 Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Martin Charlo out of the room).

Kari Eneas and **Shannon Clairmont**, Natural Resources Department, requested permission to pursue potential pronghorn augmentation for the Bison Range. It was the **consensus** of council for the staff to pursue pronghorn augmentation for the Bison Range.

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department; **Jingjing Sum**, **Debbie Hogensen**, and **Niki Graham**, University of Montana; gave an update on the Social-Emotional Learning in Arlee project and requested approval to share the project with community members through a public forum and share the results of the research through peer-reviewed presentations and publications. The project was done in collaboration with Arlee community members and educators at the Arlee School District. The publication is due by next May. **Jennifer Finley** offered to be the point person to review it.

Rick Eneas, Tribal Executive Officer, requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Council **adjourned** at 3:56 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary