

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

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Held: February 8, 2022
Approved: February 10, 2022

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 3, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

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

Ellie Bundy McLeod informed council that she called Lake’s Funeral Home to set up a meeting and it was scheduled for Monday, February 14, at 1:00 p.m., at the Lake’s Funeral Home.

Carole Lankford provided information on the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council Subcommittee. The subcommittee is reaching out nationally to congress and senators regarding health issues that are in front of us as tribes in Montana and Wyoming. The document must be approved by the subcommittee and then it will be forwarded to the Tribal Leaders for approval.

Carole Lankford provided a trip report for the AMERIND meeting she attended and she submitted a copy of the report that was presented to the board. **Chairman McDonald** had some questions about it. Some of the actions were troubling and he was not sure of the operations and the extent of our liability as being a founding member. Carole wants to talk to the legal staff about what our liability is. Bob Gauthier had requested to have AMERIND incorporated under the Tribes as a Section 17 corporation, and the CSKT is a founding member. Global warming is having an impact on insurance. It is difficult to get insurance for wildfires. AMERIND just did a rate increase. Some tribes increased their deductible to keep their rates the same. Carole might go to the next UNIHA meeting to report on what AMERIND is doing. At one point there was discussion about CSKT pulling out, but we are a founding member. **Chairman McDonald** wants the legal and executive staff to review our situation with AMERIND.

Len TwoTeeth mentioned the loss of Gary Stevens, who was a former tribal leader from the St. Ignatius District. Gary dedicated a portion of his life to serve the people. Len honored Gary's memory and extended his condolences to the family. **Chairman McDonald** advised that the Tribes are sending flowers to the services. **Jim Malatare** will be attending the funeral service tomorrow.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Bing Matt left the meeting to go to a funeral.

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department; and **Julie Cajune**; requested authorization to issue a press release letting the public know that the Exploring Home: A Place Based Educational Resource curriculum will be released to the public. It was the **consensus** of council to approve the press release.

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

Lynn Ducharme and **Craig Barfoot**, Natural Resources Department; and **Brian Upton**, Legal Department; requested approval of a land use agreement with Bonneville Power Administration for the Firestone property to complete the Jocko K Canal project.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the land use agreement with Bonneville Power Administration for the Firestone property to complete the Jocko K Canal project. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (9 present – Bing Matt out of the room).

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session**. **Melissa Schlichting** and **Mary Price**, Legal Department, were present for discussion.

Martin Charlo left the meeting to go to a funeral.

Dan Decker, **Melissa Schlichting**, **Brian Upton**, **Chelsea Colwyn**, **Michael Wheeler**, and **John Harrison**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters. **Shane Morigeau**, Public Affairs & Communications; **Matthew Beasley** and **Chuck Sanger**, Information Technologies; were present for discussion.

Dan Decker, **Melissa Schlichting**, **Brian Upton**, **Chelsea Colwyn**, **Michael Wheeler**, and **John Harrison**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters. **Shane Morigeau**, Public Affairs & Communications, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

***** Lunch *****

Germaine White, **Trace Yellow Owl**, **Rick Bennet**, **Lacy Kowalski**, **Cookie Cobell**, **John Donovan**, and **Doug Mitchell**, Glacier National Park Conservancy Tribal Relations Working Group, met with council for a meet and greet. The Conservancy funds projects initiated by the park. They would like to develop a good working relationship with the CSKT and Blackfeet Tribe. The board meeting in May will be hosted by the Blackfeet Tribe, and there will be a fieldtrip. **Chairman McDonald** commented on his concerns about the amount of visitation to Glacier National Park and the stresses it causes on our resources. He was interested in what kind of projects they are working on outside the park boundaries to address that and educating the people moving into this area. There are capacity limitations. Tom was open to scheduling a fieldtrip.

Ellie Bundy McLeod confirmed the meeting with Lake's Funeral Home next Monday, February 14, at 1:00 p.m. **Chairman McDonald** will get the numbers and budget from Greg Spahr.

Anita Matt informed council she received a request from Chelsea Kleinmeyer for the Tribal Health Department to use one of the extra offices at the Dixon Agency building to provide some health services. Anita has no problem with the request, but she does not know how council wants to handle use of the buildings. Maintenance of the building is up to the users. **Carole Lankford** suggested going through Lisa Shourds for use of the buildings.

Council discussed upcoming meetings that are scheduled.

Tony Incashola, Sr., Chaney Bell and **Thompson Smith**, Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee; **Mary Jane Charlo, Steve Arca, Eva Boyd, Nalani Linsebigler, Shirley Trahan, Stephen Smallsalmon, Rita Woodcock,** and **Vi Trahan**, Salish Pend d'Oreille Elders Advisory Committee; requested to meet with council in **executive session** for the monthly elders meeting. **Jordan Thompson**, Deputy Executive Officer of Special Projects & Planning; **Greg Spahr**, Financial Management Director; **Lisa Shourds**, Administrative Services Director; **Clayton Matt**, Tribal Resources Director; and **Patricia Hibbeler**, Tribal Member Services Director; were present for discussion.

Martin Charlo returned to the meeting.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Council **adjourned** at 3:56 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary