

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

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Held: June 5, 2023  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom McDonald, Chairman; Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Martin Charlo, Secretary; Carole Lankford; Jim Malatare; James “Bing” Matt; Mike Dolson; and Terry Pitts.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ellie Bundy, Treasurer; and Jennifer Finley (National Congress of American Indians Conference).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 1:07 p.m. Quorum established.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for May 25, 2023 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2023, with corrections. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 6 for; 1 abstention (Tom McDonald).

**Steve McDonald** and **Patrick Amborn**, Tribal Forestry, requested approval to apply for Forestry grant funding in the amount of \$254,000. The application was already submitted and the funding was awarded, so council action is needed to apply for the funding.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the Forestry grant submittal. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Steve McDonald** and **Patrick Amborn**, Tribal Forestry, requested acceptance of the high bid from Dupuis Logging for the ES East Logging Unit Timber Sale.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to accept the high bid from Dupuis Logging for the ES East Logging Unit Timber Sale. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Steve McDonald** and **Patrick Amborn**, Tribal Forestry, requested acceptance

of the high bid from Bitterroot Contracting, LLC for the ES Line Logging Unit Timber Sale.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to accept the high bid from Bitterroot Contracting, LLC for the ES Line Logging Unit Timber Sale. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Steve McDonald** and **Patrick Amborn**, Tribal Forestry, requested acceptance of the high bid from Caldbeck Logging for the ES Hog Logging Unit Timber Sale.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to accept the high bid from Caldbeck Logging for the ES Hog Logging Unit Timber Sale. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Steve McDonald** and **Patrick Amborn**, Tribal Forestry, requested acceptance of the high bid from Dupuis Logging for the ES West Logging Unit Timber Sale.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to accept the high bid from Dupuis Logging for the ES West Logging Unit Timber Sale. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Len TwoTeeth** was contacted by a tribal member wanting to know if there was any urban interface thinning projects by his place. The ponderosa pine between Highway 93 and the lake is growing and getting very dense, and the individual is concerned about fire danger. Len asked what we need to do to put that in the urban interface thinning project. **Steve McDonald** advised it is part of the issues they are having with the urban interface thinning. The Fire Management program is putting projects together to be brought forward for an assessment and evaluation so it can be put on the schedule. Steve will follow up. **Carole Lankford** talked about tribal members hiring individuals or a company to remove trees to protect their home. Steve commented that the revenue would need to go back to the Tribes. The landowner could get a permit to do the work themselves or hire someone, but the department would need to do an evaluation and develop a plan. **Bing Matt** mentioned the trees are causing fire hazards in the Schley Homesites and other homesite areas. He spoke to the Lands Department about the need to take those trees out, but there was no funding to do that. **Steve McDonald** understands Schley is a high-risk area. The area is high on the priority list. There is a proposal to do some type of treatment in the Evaro/Schley area due to the Ashley fire, and they are working through the NEPA process.

**Lynn Ducharme**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to apply for a grant from the US Bureau of Reclamation Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program in the amount of \$3,261,690 to restore and protect aquatic ecosystems. The funding will be used for lake trout suppression and shoreline erosion in Flathead Lake. The grant requires a 35% nonfederal match (\$1.8 million). The

grant application was already submitted, and a resolution is required.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution submission of a grant application to the US Bureau of Reclamation Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 23-102**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tribes, pursuant to Article III of the Treaty of Hellgate reserved the right to protect, preserve and utilize their aboriginal fishery in common with the citizens of Montana;

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes consider the waters and native species of the Flathead Indian Reservation to be among its most valuable natural resources;

**WHEREAS**, The Council has taken affirmative action to protect and enhance native species on the Flathead Reservation by the adoption of a Shoreline Protection Ordinance, Aquatic Lands Conservation Ordinance, a Water Quality Management Ordinance, Flathead Lake and River Fisheries Co-Management Plan, and a Fisheries Management Plan;

**WHEREAS**, The Tribes have committed and continue to commit considerable financial resources to maintaining and enhancing native species and protecting water quality on the Flathead Indian Reservation;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program has monies available for collaboratively developed, have widespread regional benefits, and result in the improvement of the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat.;

**WHEREAS**, the CSKT Natural Resources Department is soliciting funding in the amount of \$3,261,690; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the CS&KT Natural Resources Department is authorized to submit to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program grant proposal documents with all budgets, updates and revisions to

further carry out the purposes of the funding request, and to integrate and implement its most recent work plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the submission of the US Bureau of Reclamation Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program proposal documents and authorizes the Tribal Chairman and his designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute this contract on behalf of the Tribes.

**Rob McDonald**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of modification 3 to Contractor Agreement 21-155 with WWC Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$30,500.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$328,300.00, for the Falls Creek environmental assessment for the 31A Canal Chute Replacement project.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve modification 3 to Contractor Agreement 21-155 with WWC Engineering, LLC, in the amount of \$30,500.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$328,300.00, for the Falls Creek environmental assessment for the 31A Canal Chute Replacement project. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Bing Matt out of the room).

**Tabitha Espinoza** and **Les Evarts**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to pursue a noncompetitive negotiation contract with River Design Group for restoration work in the amount of \$250,000.

**MOTION** by Terry Pitts to approve a master service agreement with River Design Group in the amount of \$250,000 for restoration work. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (present).

**Karen Renz**, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval to apply for a grant from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families – Children’s Bureau Tribal Court Improvement Program, to solicit funds in the amount of \$150,000 per year for a five-year project to be administered by CSKT. **Carole Lankford** would like the council to receive a report on the findings.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the resolution supporting the submission of a grant application to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families – Children’s Bureau Tribal Court Improvement Program. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

## **RESOLUTION 23-103**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES – CHILDREN’S BUREAU TRIBAL COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) are committed to seeking resources for children and families as they work toward healthy lifestyles and stable families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council and leadership encourages all Tribal Departments to work on revenue diversification for the benefit of the Tribal government and the membership; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Human Resources Development is soliciting funding in the amount of \$150,000 per year, for a five-year project under the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families-Children's Bureau, this grant will be administered by CSKT and will collaborate with various stakeholders to implement project activities, including a court assessment, cross-system training, and enhancements to practices. policies. and procedures. The project will improve the effectiveness of the Tribal Court’s child welfare practices; and improve collaboration between DHRD’s child welfare program, the Tribal Court system, and other key stakeholders to identity and work towards shared goals that improve the safety, permanency and well-being of children in the child welfare system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Department of Human Resources Development is authorized to apply with Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. CS-0053 Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No.: 93.586 on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the submission of the Tribal Court Improvement program proposal documents and authorizes the Tribal Chair and his designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute this contract on behalf of the Tribes.

**Chasity Haynes**, Enrollment Office, requested approval of a resolution authorizing the August per capita distribution. The per capita distribution will be made to those members enrolled in the Tribes as of July 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., and the deadline for claims to be withheld from individuals’ August 2, 2023 per capita for judgments, assignments and IIM holds through the Superintendent and Director of Financial Management shall be no later than July 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the resolution authorizing the August 2, 2023 per capita distribution. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 23-104**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUGUST 2, 2023 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council established policy by Resolution 96-83 to make per-capita payments to tribal members three times annually during the months of December, April and August for each fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, said policy states that three equal per capita payments of \$500.00 will be made annually and that one-half (1/2) of each per capita distribution for each minor child enrolled in the Tribes is to be issued to said minor's parent or legal guardian and the other one-half (1/2) is to be placed in a trust account with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accumulate and earn interest until said minor has reached legal age; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the Northwest Regional Director is requested to authorize the \$500.00 per capita distribution to be made during the month of August 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Financial Management is directed and authorized to request sufficient tribal monies on deposit in the United States Treasury to be advanced to local status to effect said distribution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent, Flathead Agency, and the Director of Financial Management are authorized to apply these funds to judgments held by Tribal Court, to assignments through Tribal Credit, and voluntary child support and to those accounts under the control of the Superintendent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the August 2, 2023 per capita distribution will be made to those members enrolled in the Tribes as of July 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the deadline for claims to be withheld from individuals' August 2, 2023 per capita for judgments, assignments and IIM holds through the Superintendent and Director of Financial Management shall be no later than July 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Paul Phillips**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of the Men's Health Fishing Derby on June 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Kicking Horse Reservoir; a waiver of the fishing license requirement; and a change of duty for employees to participate. The Men's Health Fair is not well attended, so this derby was going to be offered to increase participation. **Chairman McDonald** asked if the staff spoke to the Reservation Fish & Wildlife Advisory Board about the fishing derby. Paul was not sure about that. The fish are too small for consumption so they would be taken to the compost in Ronan. **Terry Pitts** would like a process in place for these types of requests and he would rather offer a discounted group fee than a fee waiver. He is opposed to giving fee waivers. **Jennifer Trahan** clarified that Paul would need to provide a complete list of employees for the change of duty. **Chairman McDonald** suggested having a virtual big game hunt and holding the Health Fair and a golf tournament at Salish Kootenai College. Tom asked Les if the request was reviewed/approved by the RFWAB since it is a licensing issue. Tom also wants it reviewed by Art since he is the Kicking Horse Restoration Biologist. **Les Evarts** responded that it has not been reviewed by the board. Les can follow up with the board.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to tentatively approve the Men's Health Fishing Derby, pending concurrence of the Reservation Fish & Wildlife Advisory Board and approval of the Kicking Horse Restoration Biologist. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 6 for; 1 opposed (Terry Pitts); 1 abstention (Martin Charlo – was not present for entire presentation).

**Chelsea Kleinmeyer**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a resolution supporting a cooperative agreement with the Indian Health Service in the amount of \$500,000.00 per year for five years to support food sovereignty.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution supporting a cooperative agreement with the Indian Health Service in the amount of \$500,000.00 per year for five years to support food sovereignty. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

## **RESOLUTION 23-105**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the CSKT Tribal Council is the duly-elected governing body of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and is authorized to act on behalf of the CSKT Tribes; and the CSKT Tribal Council established the Tribal Health Department pursuant to Public Law 93-638 to administer and manage its healthcare programs and services per CSKT Tribal Ordinance 83; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes recognize the importance of access to healthy and fresh produce for the health and well-being of our community members; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 21-090 to commit to the achievement of food sovereignty, proclaiming hunger as a risk to the health, security, and general welfare of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for increased access to affordable fresh produce for individuals and families in our community who are experiencing, or are at-risk for, food insecurity and/or leading causes of nutrition-related illness such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Services offers a Cooperative Agreement opportunity for a Produce Prescription Pilot Program that will allow eligible individuals and families to obtain a prescription from a health care provider for free produce and traditional foods sourced from local entities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Health Service Cooperative Agreement will provide funding for the Tribal Health Department to (1) partner directly with local farmers, grocers, and educators to offer fresh foods and nutrition education to eligible Tribal Health recipients to improve community health; (2) build on a six-year collaborative relationship with the University of Montana's School of Public and Community Health Sciences for technical support, reporting, and evaluation of program impact; and (3) coordinate with local, state, and federal programs to develop infrastructure for sustained positive impact. **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby approves the submission of the application for the Indian Health Service Produce Prescription Pilot, announcement number HHS-2023-IHS-PPPP-0001, in the amount of up to \$500,000 per year for five years to support our efforts to improve the health and well-being of our community through increased access to fresh produce and that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Health Department to administer the Collaborative Agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council authorizes that Tribal Council Chairman the authority to execute any documents and agreements necessary as may be required to give effect to the transactions herein

contemplated and to take such other actions as may be hereby necessary and appropriate to carry out the obligations there under; and that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Samantha Morigeau**, Tribal Health Department; **Maja Pederson** and **Niki Graham**, University of Montana; requested approval of a resolution to enter into a partnership with the University of Montana in the amount of \$241,406.00 for the Empowering Rural Tribal Communities to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution supporting CSKT Health Department entering into an agreement with the University of Montana with a grant award by HHS. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

### **RESOLUTION 23-106**

#### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CSKT HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WITH A GRANT AWARD BY (HHS)**

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

**WHEREAS**, the CSKT Tribal Council is the duly-elected governing body of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and is authorized to act on behalf of the CSKT Tribes; and the CSKT Tribal Council established the Tribal Health Department pursuant to Public Law 93-638 to administer and manage its healthcare programs and services per CSKT Tribal Ordinance 83; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes consider the safety of tribal people to be one of the most important responsibilities of tribal government and falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries in older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Health Department (THD) as part of its effort to provide tribal health care strategies, will include but will not be limited to a plan to strategically build on infrastructure developed by Growing Older Staying Strong (GOSS) partnership in collaboration with the University of Montana (UM) to initiate a long-term project that initiates falls prevention programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the THD's continued efforts will be in part supported by a funding initiative by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to use a collaborative approach to initiate and sustain coordinated fall prevention programming on the Flathead Nation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSKT Tribal Council approves the entering into agreement with the University of Montana for the Empowering Communities to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs (HHS-2023-ACL-AOA-FPSG-0005) funding for a \$241,406.00 grant to support the Tribal Health Department's continued efforts for the safety of older adults through community-based falls prevention programming.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council authorizes that Tribal Council Chairman the authority to execute any documents and agreements necessary as may be required to give effect to the transactions herein contemplated and to take such other actions as may be hereby necessary and appropriate to carry out the obligations there under; and that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Pete White**, Tribal Credit Office, requested approval of the updated Plan of Operation for the Tribal Credit Program. Pete reviewed the changes with the council this morning. An additional loan product is being added that is called a CSKT Ag and Business Lease Improvement Loan. That type of loan is for business owners and agriculture producers to improve the leases they have with the Tribes and Tribal Lands. It will give individuals an opportunity to improve their leases and the fencing requirements and weed management plans will be what the Tribal Lands Department wants them to be. Tribal members will have the opportunity to improve their irrigation systems. **Len TwoTeeth** requested this information be published in the Char-Koosta News. **Terry Pitts** would like the lessees to be protected once they make improvements to the lease. If the lessee makes improvements and then gets out bid and cannot meet the high bid, the high bidder should be required to reimburse that lessee for the improvements that were made.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution the revised Plan of Operation for the Tribal Credit Program. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

#### **RESOLUTION 23-107**

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISION TO THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS OF THE TRIBAL CREDIT PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, modification of existing policy and procedures of the Tribal Credit Program are deemed desirable; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, Montana, that the Declaration of Policy and Plan of Operation of the Tribal Credit Program be revised as a new document attached to this resolution: See attached.

**Pete White**, Tribal Credit, requested approval of a resolution updating signatory authority for the Eagle Bank accounts.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution updating signatory authority for the Eagle Bank accounts. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 23-108**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING NEW SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED AT EAGLE BANK DUE TO STAFFING CHANGES**

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

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary due to staffing changes to update the listing of employees with signature authority for certain accounts previously established by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes at Eagle Bank, and

**WHEREAS**, the accounts which require changes in signature authority are listed below, and

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>
Tribal Credit	5000252

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that all checks drawn on said accounts from Eagle Bank from the approved date of this resolution will be signed by one of the following:

Pete A. White	Credit Manager
Tara R. Skare	Credit Finance Officer
Breanna Bertsch	Mortgage Loan Officer

And counter signed by the following:

Leslie Luedtke	Front Office Coordinator/Escrow Officer
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Timothy Brooks	Personal Loan Officer
Rick Eneas	Executive Director
Zachary Conko Camel	Central Accounting Manager

whose signatures shall be duly certified to said bank, and that no checks against said accounts shall be valid unless so signed,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks whether such checks be payable to the order of any such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, or to the individual credit or any of the other officers or not. This resolution shall continue forth in the Certification of an authorized representative, accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said bank or in any similar subsequent Certificate until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said bank.

**Dan Decker, Brian Upton, John Harrison, Michael Wheeler, Chelsea Colwyn, and Grace Judge**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Greg Spahr**, Financial Management, requested approval of a resolution authorizing the budget allocations for the Arlee Pow Wow Committee and the Standing Arrow Celebration Committee. The reporting will be due in August.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve the resolution for the Arlee Pow Wow disbursement funds, as amended. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Jim Malatare out of the room).

**RESOLUTION 23-109**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUDGETED ALLOCATION FOR THE ARLEE POW WOW COMMITTEE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is the duly recognized governing body of the Flathead Reservation; and are committed to the sound planning and management of Tribal resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arlee Powwow is an integral part of the fundamental and cultural activities supported by Tribal resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the spending authority of \$100,000 has been set aside for the Arlee Pow Wow in 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said funds shall be distributed to the Powwow committee, upon receipt of a budget, and description of policy and procedures protecting payments and identifying safeguards and best-practices for financial accountability. These funds may be distributed in a manner most efficiently, by the Tribes' Central Accounting department, to a financial institution so described in their budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Council reserves the right to ensure the funds are being used in a manner consistent with the proposed budget and subject to the highest standards of conduct and external review; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Council expects a recapitulation of all financial activities to be delivered no later than the last day of August 2023.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the resolution for the Standing Arrow Pow Wow disbursement funds, as amended. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Jim Malatare out of the room).

#### **RESOLUTION 23-110**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUDGETED ALLOCATION FOR THE STANDING ARROW CELEBRATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is the duly recognized governing body of the Flathead Reservation; and are committed to the sound planning and management of Tribal resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Standing Arrow Celebration is an integral part of the fundamental and cultural activities supported by Tribal resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the spending authority of \$100,000 has been set aside for the Standing Arrow Celebration in 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said funds shall be distributed to the Celebration committee, upon receipt of a budget, and description of policy and procedures protecting payments and identifying safeguards and best-practices for financial accountability. These funds may be distributed in a manner most

efficiently, by the Tribes' Central Accounting department, to a financial institution so described in their budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Council reserves the right to ensure the funds are being used in a manner consistent with the proposed budget and subject to the highest standards of conduct and external review; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Council expects a recapitulation of all financial activities to be delivered no later than the last day of August 2023.

**Council** has received some inquiries about the employee retention pay. **Greg Spahr** responded that the payments are being processed today with an effective date of June 6, 2023. If employees receive their paychecks through electronic deposit then they will receive the retention pay through that method; if employees receive a paper check, they will receive the payment via a paper check. There were a number of employees that contacted Greg about their SSI payments. Those individuals will opt out of the incentive pay and their check will be returned so they will not be disqualified from their Social Security or SSI benefits.

**Velda Shelby** and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office, requested approval for S&K Business Services to submit an application to the United States Economic Development Administration for the Economic Development Administration's Planning Grant to be administered during the three-year period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. The grant will be utilized to support tribal economic development planning on the Flathead Reservation that promotes sustainable economic development and security for tribal members.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve by resolution submission of an application to the United States Economic Development Administration for the Economic Development Administration's Planning Grant. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 not voting.

#### **RESOLUTION 23-111**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S PLANNING GRANT. THIS GRANT IS UTILIZED TO SUPPORT TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ON THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION THAT PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is the duly recognized governing body of the Flathead Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to the sound planning and management of Flathead Reservation resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have supported S&K Business Services/Sovereign Leasing & Financing's role in providing business planning support to the Tribes, Tribal programs, Tribal enterprises, and individual Tribal members.

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Planning Grant will provide required one on one assistance to Tribal members, Tribal enterprises, and Tribal government programs with the training, tools, and other supports necessary to improve their access to entrepreneurship opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Planning Grant provides grant funding to conduct activities that support achievement of long-range economic development goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation approves the Economic Development Administration planning grant application by S&K Business Services/Sovereign Leasing & Financing to be administered during the three (3) year period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this project will be placed organizationally under and managed by S&K Business Services/Sovereign Leasing & Financing, and that the Tribal Council Chairman and designated representative are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute the grant contract and any modification thereof.

**Velda Shelby** and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office; **Greg Spahr**, Financial Management; gave an update on the meat processing proposal and requested approval to develop the site off Mink Lane as a meat processing facility if the grant application is approved and approval to petition to annex into the city sewer and water system.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to designate the former Morning Star parcel containing 38 acres as a meat processing facility. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to petition the city of Ronan to annex into the city sewer and water system. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the EDA grant. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 3:58 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES**

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Martin A. Charlo  
Tribal Council Secretary