

**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: March 2, 2023
Approved: March 7, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Dolson (PROGRESS Act Negotiated Regulations Committee Meeting – Washington, DC).

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 9:02 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Ellie Bundy.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 28, 2023 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2023, with corrections. Seconded by Ellie Bundy. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

Bing Matt gave a report on the meeting with SPCC and the Arlee Pow Wow Committee. The plan is to hold the pow wow from Thursday to Tuesday, and July 4 falls on a Tuesday.

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

Chairman McDonald scheduled a pow wow committee meeting for next Monday at 1:00 p.m. with all the appropriate staff. The priority is to determine what work is needed at the grounds, get the water working, having flushable toilets, and get the showers working. We can go through SKMM to get that work done. Tom wants to discuss how we design better buildings, build better bathrooms,

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entertain other uses for the grounds, and manage the facility the other eleven months out of the year and let it pay for itself for other uses. The infrastructure can be done through ARPA funding.

Shannon Clairmont, Natural Resources Department, discussed the Native Drought Resilience: CSKT actions for climate-drought adaption and a proposal to construct a new Mesonet Weather Station at the Bison Range in partnership with the University of Montana Climate Change Committee, SKC and CSKT Climate Resiliency initiative. The goal of the weather station is to connect eastern Montana's 105 stations. Shannon requested approval to construct a 20x30 structure on the Bison Range located along the walking path west of the Visitor's Center. The agreement would be for a ten-year period and can be revoked at any time with 30 days' notice. The agreement is being reviewed by the Legal Department. **Chairman McDonald** recommended having elk-proof fencing and an interpretative sign. **Mike Durglo**, Preservation Office, does not believe there are any cultural sites at that location but a foot survey will be conducted.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the ten-year usage agreement for the Mesonet Weather Station to be located at the Bison Range, pending approval of the edits to the contract from the Mesonet company and a final cultural clearance from the Preservation Office. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Whisper Camel-Means, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a noncompetitive contract with Falmouth Institute for the employees in her department to go through supervisory training. There are no tribal member vendors that provide this type of training. Jennifer Trahan is working with Whisper to get an updated proposal to provide the training for a larger group for other employees within the organization.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve a noncompetitive contract with Falmouth Institute for the Natural Resources Department employees to go through supervisory training. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Chairman McDonald commented there are local experts on the emergency hire list that provide customary trainings.

Todd Espinoza, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of the Blue Bay fee schedule for the 2023 season. Chairman McDonald asked if the program took into account the increased power rates and whether they took that into account when setting the fees to recoup their costs. Todd responded the program increased the general public fees but are trying not to increase the tribal member fees.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the Blue Bay fee schedule for the 2023 season. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Bing Matt).

Jasmine Courville-Brown, Natural Resources Department, discussed the pesticide stewardship partnership program and a grant to sample fish for pesticides. The program would like to be a subrecipient to the grant and requested approval of a letter of commitment.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to authorize the letter of commitment. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department, requested approval to apply for the Project Launch grant with partners.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to authorize the submission of the grant application for Project Launch. Seconded by Ellie Bundy. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 23-064

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has published a request for proposals under the FY 2023 Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health, short title "Project LAUNCH"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department is the authorized Tribal Education Agency of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department, on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, desires to focus on partnerships and collaboration between tribal, state and local systems to promote the wellness of young children, from birth to 8 years of age, by addressing the social, emotional, cognitive, physical and behavioral aspects of their development, as well as prepare them to thrive in school and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration be requested to make available a grant, pursuant to the terms of the request for proposal, to the Tribal Education Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribal Council or his delegated representative is authorized to execute the transactional documents necessary to administer the grant on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

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

Greg Spahr and **Amelia Adams**, Financial Management, requested approval of a resolution authorizing setup and signatory authority for the bank account at Eagle Bank called CSKT ARP-Homelessness Coalition.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution authorizing setup and signatory authority for the bank account at Eagle Bank called CSKT ARP-Homelessness Coalition. Seconded by Ellie Bundy. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 23-065

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETUP AND SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE BANK ACCOUNT AT EAGLE BANK IN POLSON CALLED CSKT ARP – HOMELESSNESS COALITION

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes designate Eagle Bank of Polson to conduct day to day CSKT ARP- Homelessness Coalition business activity as the Tribe’s designated depository, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to authorize employee signatures for CSKT ARP- Homelessness Coalition account, and

Account Name

Account Number

CSKT ARP- Homelessness Coalition

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that all CSKT ARP- Homelessness Coalition account activity on said accounts from Eagle Bank, at Polson, MT, from the approved date of this resolution will be signed by two of the following:

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Rick Eneas	Executive Officer
Greg Spahr	Director of Financial Management
Zachary Conko Camel	Accounting Manager
Lance Friedlander	General Ledger 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.

Greg Spahr and **Amelia Adams**, Financial Management, requested approval of a resolution changing authorized signatures on the tribal accounts at Glacier Bank.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy to approve the resolution changing authorized signatures on the tribal accounts at Glacier Bank. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 23-066

RESOLUTION CHANGING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON THE TRIBAL ACCOUNTS IN GLACIER BANK

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes designate Glacier Bank to conduct day to day business as the Tribe's designated depository, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary due to staffing changes to authorize employee signatures for the Tribal Accounts in Glacier Banks, and

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

Rick Eneas	Executive Officer
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Greg Spahr	Director of Financial Management
Zachary Conko Camel	Accounting Manager
Lance Friedlander	General Ledger Manager

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that signature authority has been rescinded as authorized signatures on behalf of the tribes for any existing signer not replaced by this resolution.

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.

Greg Spahr and **Amelia Adams**, Financial Management, requested approval of a resolution changing authorized signatures on the tribal accounts at Eagle Bank.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy to approve the resolution. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 23-067

RESOLUTION CHANGING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON THE TRIBAL ACCOUNTS IN EAGLE BANK

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes designate Eagle Bank of Polson to conduct day to day CSKT Bank Account business as the Tribe's designated depository, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary due to staffing changes to authorize current employee signatures for CSKT Bank Accounts (attached), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that all CSKT Checking Account activity on said accounts from Eagle Bank, at Polson, MT, from the approved date of this resolution will be signed by any two of the following:

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Rick Eneas	Executive Officer
Greg Spahr	Director of Financial Management
Zachary Conko Camel	Accounting Manager
Lance Friedlander	General Ledger Manager

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that signature authority has been rescinded as authorized signatures on behalf of the tribes for any existing signer not replaced by this resolution.

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.

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.

Council met in **executive session** to discuss a departmental matter.

Jordan Thompson, Tribal Executive Office; and **Chelsea Colwyn**, Legal Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legislative issues.

Patricia Hibbeler, Director of Tribal Member Services, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss departmental matters. **Dan Decker**, Legal Department, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to bring Wade Shipley in as the Lead Physician Assistant above the maximum pay level of the benchmark. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Jim Malatare followed up on concerns from the Arlee district meeting and asked if any follow-up was done regarding the applicants for home repairs. **Patricia Hibbeler** responded that she reached out to the people she had names for, and Patricia Courchane has a meeting with some contractors to obtain bids so the process can get going. **Martin Charlo** informed Patricia that a tribal elder asked about using those funds for solar panels on her house due to the high cost of power.

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a sole source contract with SSPE, the groundwater consultant, to conduct groundwater work in the Jocko valley.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve a sole source contract with SSPE, the groundwater consultant, to conduct groundwater work in the Jocko valley. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a sole source contract with the University of California Cal Poly Irrigation Technology Research Center to provide training, be on an as-needed basis for three years to mentor the DEWR staff, and develop a water management plan and a water conservation plan for the Mission Valley south of Post Creek.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve a sole source contract with the University of California Cal Poly Irrigation Technology Research Center to provide training, be on an as-needed basis for three years to mentor the DEWR staff, and develop a water management plan and a water conservation plan for the Mission Valley south of Post Creek. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a sole source contract with the University of California Cal Poly Irrigation Technology Research Center in the amount of \$400,500.00 on a three year term to execute the training, mentoring, and water conservation plan and management plan for the Mission valley south.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy to authorize a sole source contract with the University of California Cal Poly Irrigation Technology Research Center in the amount of \$400,500.00. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department; **Dan Decker**, **Zach Zipfel**, and **Melissa Schlichting**, Legal Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

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Melissa Schlichting, Legal Department; **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department; and **Seth Makepeace**, Natural Resources Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Council **adjourned** at 12:15 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary