

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

Volume 24 Number 45  
Council Chambers, Pablo, MT

Held: April 11, 2024  
Approved: April 16, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Dolson, Chairman; Tom McDonald, Vice-Chairman; Martin Charlo, Secretary; James Steele, Jr., Treasurer; Carole Lankford; Jennifer Finley; Danielle Matt; and Len TwoTeeth.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** James “Bing” Matt (NIGC – Anaheim, CA); and Jim Malatare (NIGC – Anaheim, CA).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Leniece Trahan, Sergeant at Arms; and Jennifer Trahan, Council Support/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 April 9, 2024 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Tom McDonald, to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2024, with corrections. Seconded by Danielle Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Tom McDonald to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Len Twoteeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Jordan Thompson**, Executive Office; and **Dan Decker**, Legal Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss Legal matters. **Council** met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Andrew Finley-Squeque**, Tribal member, requested to meet with Council in **executive session** to discuss Land issue. **Mark Couture** and **Shara Hoskinson**,

Lands Department; and **Tony Incashola**, Executive Office, joined the discussion. **Council** met in **executive session**.

**Ron Swaney**, Tribal member, and **Tony Incashola**, Executive Office; requested to meet with Council in **executive session** to discuss administrative matters. **Council** met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Tom McDonald to approve funding for Cultural Grant Agreement and to build a plan. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Tom McDonald to approve for capital equipment improvement project at the Division of Fire complex. Project will be to be included into the overall Ronan Airport project. The project includes fencing around the Airport complex to increase security and prevent animals from crossing the runway. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve sole source contract for Montana Fence Company, to use the same contractor that the Ronan Airport awarded the project to keep the product and timing uniform. Seconded by Danielle Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

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

**Jennifer Green**, Providence St Joseph Medical Center; and **Patricia Hibbeler**, Executive Office, is applying to a USDA grant to replace a telemedicine cart that allows providers in the Emergency Department to contact a neurologist in the case of a potential stroke to provide the best medical care. The Medical Center is on Tribal land, the USDA requires a letter of consent from the Tribal Council to apply.

**MOTION** by Tom McDonald to approve letter of consent that approves purchasing a telemedicine cart to provide services on tribal land. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Jody Perez** and **Nolan Michel**, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority, requested approval by resolution for authority to submit a U.S. Department of Energy solutions for lasting, viable energy infrastructure technologies (Solve it) prize funding application on behalf of the Tribes.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve by Resolution for authority to submit a U.S. Department of Energy solutions for lasting, viable energy

infrastructure technologies (Solve it) prize funding application on behalf of the Tribes. Seconded by Danielle Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**RESOLUTION 24-068**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALISH AND KOOTENAI HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR LASTING, VIABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES (SOLVE IT) PRIZE FUNDING APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBES**

**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 Nation with the responsibility to ensure safe, decent, and affordable housing for the tribal members within the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have designated the Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority as their Tribally-Designated Housing Entity, with the authority to administer and participate in housing programs for the benefit of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and their members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes desire to have an application for the U.S. Department of Energy Solutions for Lasting, Viable Energy Infrastructure Technologies (SOLVE IT) prize funding prepared and submitted on behalf of the Tribes to identify energy challenges related to housing through tribal community engagement activities, and then determine clean energy technology solutions for those challenges; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, that it hereby delegates the Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority the authority to prepare and submit on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes an application for the U.S. Department of Energy Solutions for Lasting, Viable Energy Infrastructure (SOLVE IT) Prize funding in the amount of \$80,000.00: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that it hereby states and acknowledges that the Tribes will not be applying for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Solutions for Lasting, Viable Energy Infrastructure (SOLVE IT) Prize funds as their own entity.

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**Patricia Hibbeler** and **Tony Incashola**, Executive Office; **Patricia Courchane** and **Tracy Couture**, DHRD; and **Mark Couture** and **Brad McCrea**, Tribal Lands; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss Policy issue. **Council** met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Martin Charlo**, out of the room zooming in while safely traveling to Washington State University.

**Council** met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the S&K Business Services Board of Directors vacancy. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Len Twoteeth to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Danielle Peterson to the S&K Business Services Board of Directors for a two-year term. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Martin Charlo**, returned to the meeting.

**Council** and **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

\*\*\*\*\* Lunch \*\*\*\*\*

**TJ Haynes**, **Tom Haynes**, **Brandon Couture**, **Willie Burke**, **Darwyn Parker**, and **Isaiah Ascencio**, Tribal members; **Tony Incashola**, Executive Office; **Casey Couture**, Law & Order; and **Rich Janssen**, Natural Resources Department; requested to meet with Council in **executive session** to discuss a Fish & Game issue. **Council** met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 2:49 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

**CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES**

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Martin A. Charlo  
Tribal Council Secretary