

**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: December 13, 2022
Approved: December 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McDonald, Chairman; Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Ellie Bundy, Treasurer; Carole Lankford; Jennifer Finley; Jim Malatare; Mike Dolson; and Terry Pitts.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Charlo, Secretary (Travel Status – Helena, Montana); and James “Bing” Matt (Personal Time Off).

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 9:01 a.m. Quorum established. **Chairman McDonald** was at an appointment and joined the meeting later.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Len TwoTeeth.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for December 8, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Jim Malatare to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 4 for; 3 abstentions (Terry Pitts, Ellie Bundy, and Carole Lankford).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Ellie Bundy. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Council met in **executive session**. **Rick Eneas**, Tribal Executive Officer, joined the discussion.

Council met with Greg Spahr in **executive session** to discuss policies.

Chasity Haynes and **Arlen Tellier**, Enrollment Office, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss enrollment issues. **Rick Eneas**, Tribal Executive Officer, joined the discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Jennifer Finley to approve the resolution establishing the approval of DNA results for #885520 to increase blood quantum using the biological father's blood quantum. Seconded by Ellie Bundy. Carried, 6 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Len TwoTeeth).

RESOLUTION 23-029

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPROVAL OF DNA RESULTS FOR #885520 TO INCREASE BLOOD QUANTUM USING THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER'S BLOOD QUANTUM

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the sole authority in determining eligibility for enrollment in the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; and

WHEREAS, in cases where the natural parent at the time of birth of applicant, and the natural father's name is not on the Certificate of Live Birth, or deceased a DNA test is accepted to determine paternity; and

WHEREAS, that the original birth certificate submitted for application at the time of birth did not include or list a biological father; and

WHEREAS, DNA results prove that 203-U0008854 is the biological father of #885520;

BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Council accepts the DNA results, and approved the blood degree correction for #885520 from 7/32 to 29/64 and to correct the blood degrees of his/her descendants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DNA testing results, for the sole purpose of enrollment eligibility, are reimbursed 1/2 the cost of which the individual has paid, providing documentation if not already enrolled.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve the resolution authorizing the addition of the blood quantum of Justine LaValley and her descendants. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 23-030

AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE BLOOD QUANTUM OF JUSTINE LAVALLEY AND HER DESCENDANTS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES TO APPROVE THE BLOOD QUANTUM CORRECTION OF DONALD FREDERICK MATT (UO-6281), ALLEN RAY MATT (UO-6280), DANIEL LEE MATT (UO-6278), FLOYD ARMIN MATT (UO-6277), CAROL A. MATT (UO-6279), AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

WHEREAS, due to an administrative error, the blood quantum of Donald Frederick Matt (UO-6281), Allen Ray Matt (UO-6280), Daniel Lee Matt (UO-6278), Floyd Armin Matt (UO-6277), and Carol A. Matt's (UO-6279), only the blood quantum of the father Franklin Floyd Matt (UO-2987) was counted and not their mother's blood; and

WHEREAS, the above listed individual have requested to include the blood degree of Justine LaValley and to have that reflect in the correction to all of their descendants; and at the time of birth of the above individual all blood was used;

WHEREAS, documentation has been provided to show that Justine LaValley was in fact eligible to be listed as 1/2 in the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby authorizes the addition of blood quantum from Justine LaValley to reflect upon her descendants' quantum. Individuals that become eligible for enrollment due to this correction shall not receive any retro-active benefits.

Scott Johnston, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a letter to the Federal Highway Administration regarding the November 2022 Ronan-North Reevaluated Final Supplemental Impact Statement for Project No. NH 5-2(172)47; Control No. 1744019.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the chairman's signature on the letter to the Federal Highway Administration regarding the November 2022 Ronan-North Reevaluated Final Supplemental Impact Statement for Project No. NH 5-2(172)47; Control No. 1744019. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Barry Hansen, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to submit a grant application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to provide funding for lake trout suppression on Flathead Lake. **Len TwoTeeth** requested a report be provided to the Tribal Elders.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve by resolution submission of a grant application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to provide funding for lake trout suppression on Flathead Lake. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 23-031

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

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; and

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

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has monies available from their Bring Back the Native Fish initiative that produce measurable outcomes for native fish species of conservation concern; and

WHEREAS, the CSKT Natural Resources Department is soliciting funding in the amount of \$79,952; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, the CS&KT Natural Resources Department is authorized to submit to the Bring Back the Native Fish, by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has grant proposal documents with all budgets, updates and revisions to further carry out the purposes of the funds request, and to integrate and implement its most recent work plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the submission to the Bring Back the Native Fish initiative, by National Fish and Wildlife with the 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.

Jordan Thompson, Dana Hewankorn, Darrell Morris, Catherine Eneas, and Shannon Burke, Food Sovereignty Pilot Program, gave an update on the Food Sovereignty Pilot Program. There are 4 full-time tribal member employees. The program received grant funds from the Headwaters Foundation and will be distributing 100+ holiday meal kits and \$25 gift cards in 8 reservation communities later this month. The cost per food box is \$55.00. The program continues to seek funding. The building has had a lot of work done to it. The staff will be participating in gardens. 4,000 pounds of food was taken out of the SKC garden. They will create 4 new gardens and one of them will be at the KHJCC site. **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, informed council that the MSU Extension Office grant will pay the costs for 14 elk to be processed. Mark needs at least 10 hunters to go hunting and bag the elk. A policy will be developed for the program to be a distribution center for fish. The program received \$200,000 from a grant, which will provide funding to hire a local food specialist. A food sovereignty task force was established and they have been holding one-on-one meetings with departments about food. Once those are concluded, a report will be provided to the food sovereignty team and then Tribal Council regarding a permanent entity structure for CSKT's food sovereignty efforts. The discussion continued in **executive session**. **Barry Hansen**, Natural Resources Department, was present for discussion.

Chairman McDonald joined the meeting.

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

Jordan Thompson, Tribal Executive Office, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to provide an update.

Dan Decker, Brian Upton, John Harrison, Michael Wheeler, Chelsea Colwyn, Stu Levit, Melissa Schlichting, Katie Jones, and Lynsey Gaudio, Legal Department; and **Shane Morigeau**, Tribal Executive Office; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

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

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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MOTION by Mike Dolson to appoint William Stanger-Gardipe to the Two Eagle River School Board for a four-year term. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Council **adjourned** at 12:30 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary