

**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: February 3, 2022
Approved: February 8, 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 9:01 a.m. Quorum established.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 1, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Council met in **executive session**.

Bing Matt joined the meeting.

Carole Lankford joined the meeting.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Mark Couture and **Tara Irvine**, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Transistor Films to film around the Polson Airport with a drone February 14 – 19, 2022 for a documentary film.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to authorize Transistor Films to film around the Polson Airport with a drone February 14 – 19, 2022 for a documentary film. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Mark Couture and **Tara Irvine**, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Tammy Fragua to lease Tribal Tract T4514 to operate the Hawaiian Shaved Ice concession stand. Options presented were: (1) approve a five-year business lease as long as all leasing requirements are met, including a rental payment of \$150.00 per month, proof of required insurance, and payment of required bond; (2) deny the request; and (3) hold further discussion.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve a five-year business lease for Tammy Fragua to operate the Hawaiian Shaved Ice concession stand on Tribal Tract T4514, at the negotiated price. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Mark Couture and **Tara Irvine**, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Jean Marx, J.J. Dawgs, to lease Tribal Tract T4849 to operate a food takeout stand. Options presented were: (1) approve a five-year business lease, as long as all leasing requirements are met, including a rental payment of \$350 per month, proof of required insurance, and payment of required bond; (2) deny the request; and (3) hold further discussion. This tract has been advertised in the past and no tribal members showed interest in leasing it. A CPI adjustment will be done after the five-year lease expires. **Carole Lankford** wants a policy requiring all leases to be advertised after the lease expires. Some of the leases are with nontribal members and lessees need to know that it will be advertised. **Mark Couture** will add the advertisement requirement to the property management plan.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve a five-year business lease for Jean Marx to operate the J.J. Dawgs food takeout stand on Tribal Tract T4849, with the stipulation that the policy be revisited during the term of the lease and it will be reviewed against existing policy at the end of the five-year contract. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Chairman McDonald asked if the topic of leases being advertised is included in the Lands Ordinance. **Mark Couture** stated there is a section regarding business leases in the ordinance. This policy would fall underneath the Lands Ordinance. Mark will check with the Legal staff to find out if it needs to be included in the ordinance. **Mike Dolson** thought it should also be included in the Uniform Commercial Code.

Martin Charlo joined the meeting.

Velda Shelby and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office; and **Brian Upton**, Legal Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session**. **Bryon Miller**, S&K Gaming Chief Executive Officer; **Carole Holyan**, **Pete White** and **Troy Felsman**, S&K Gaming Board of Directors; **Greg Spahr**, Financial Management; and **Skye McMichael**, Oak & Stone Development; were present for discussion.

Velda Shelby and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office; and **Skye McMichael**, Oak & Stone Development; requested to meet with council in **executive session**. **Jordan Thompson**, Deputy Executive Officer of Special Projects & Planning; **Greg Spahr**, Financial Management; **Bryon Miller**, S&K Gaming Chief Executive Officer; **Carole Holyan**, **Pete White**, **Francine Dupuis**, and **Troy Felsman**, S&K Gaming Board of Directors; were present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the letter to the City of Polson Manager regarding annexation of the 79-acre parcel. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

MOTION by Carole Lankford to accept the study for the Big Arm General Store and present it to the Elmo, Dayton, and Big Arm communities. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Greg Spahr will work with the Economic Development Office to present information about financing options next Monday and flesh out ideas. **Anita Matt** asked Greg to get an update on the property management plan. **Skye McMichael** commented that he can assist with funding options and help with master planning. **Janet Camel** informed council that she will be scheduling the property management plan discussion with council in the next few weeks. **Len TwoTeeth** wants the Economic Development Office to identify funding options to implement a segment of the Elmo master plan, which is the store.

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

Chelsea Colwyn, Legal Department; **Brian Lipscomb** and **Daniel Decker, Sr.**, Energy Keepers, Inc.; requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Chelsea Colwyn, Legal Department, requested a support letter for Grace Judge, a third-year law student applying for a public interest fellowship to work with the Legal Department next year. It was the **consensus** of council to approve the support letter.

***** **Lunch** *****

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Shoreline Protection Board vacancy. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Jordan Thompson, Deputy Executive Officer of Special Projects & Planning, requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Jennifer Finley to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Zetra Wheeler to the Shoreline Protection Board for a three-year term. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Regina Madplume and **Patrick Yawakie**, Peoples Food Sovereignty Program, discussed food sovereignty and gave an update on current projects and programs for the tribal community on the reservation. The program received funding of \$45,000 from the First Nations of Development Institute. They need freezer space for the elk and deer meat. They have a press release they want to publish in the Char-Koosta News. Their program delivers food to tribal households. They do not pry for information, so that alleviates mistrust from community members. Their goal is to acquire land through the Tribal Lands Department and Economic Development Office. There is much healing that is needed and there are people willing to help with the healing. There are 658 tribal members that are participating members. **Chairman McDonald** asked them to work with the Tribal Food Sovereignty Group. The Tribes do not commercialize big game gaming rights and there were concerns about hunting issues. There are proper protocols in place. Regina commented that the Food Sovereignty Group was not interested in partnering with them, but they did invite them to attend their meetings. Patrick discussed the program with the Tribal Game Warden. Tribal members are hired to carry out activities. The hunters are not paid for the animal, but they are reimbursed for their gas and ammunition. **Chairman McDonald** talked about the bison coming out of Yellowstone Park. Part of the need he sees from the membership in wanting wild game meat is they do not have the ability to get it themselves or cut it up themselves. They are capable of paying for the processing, for the most part. Native Fish Keepers provides fish to the local foodbanks. Chairman McDonald suggested that they continue meeting with our Food Sovereignty Team.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 1:57 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary