

**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: January 13, 2022
Approved: January 18, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary; and James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:04 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Jim Malatare.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for January 11, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2022. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

Len TwoTeeth informed council of some tribal member irrigators that want to visit with the council. **Martin Charlo** suggested waiting for the Water Board to get seated first. **Mike Dolson** mentioned there had been a meeting with the Flathead District about FIIP management and not compact implementation. **Chairman McDonald** agreed to meet with Bud and Chuck this afternoon. **Council** will have a conversation with the Legal staff this morning.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Chairman McDonald informed council of upcoming meetings. The next Eagle Bank board meeting is on January 31, at 1:00 p.m. The council was invited to the opening of the new Veterans Center in Missoula on January 28, at 11:00 a.m. The council was invited to provide welcoming remarks. Tom needs a list of

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who plans on attending the event. Council board and committees appointments is scheduled for next Tuesday. The department head meeting is scheduled for Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The White House Office of Internal Affairs invited the Tribal Council to a zoom workshop regarding the Columbia Basin on January 18.

Martin Charlo gave a COVID-19 update. Lake County has had 40+ new cases since last week. He reminded everyone to be diligent. Yesterday's vaccine clinic was successful and did 78 vaccines and boosters. Martin thanked the Tribal Health Department staff for facilitating the clinic and for being flexible with rescheduling it due to bad weather. Vaccines are a good prevention measure. The flu is going around too, so there is an effort to battle both issues with the same symptoms. Martin reminded folks to trust the science and do what is best for our elders and children. He suggested using sunlamps, exercise, and work on our physical and mental health. Rose Tellier's services are today. Rose was a big part of this Tribe and the Tribal Lands Department. We have had a lot of loss of people that are young. Martin suggested that folks reach out to those people that have suffered a loss; it is important to support those families.

Richard Burland, Tribal Member, requested that his children get enrolled. **Len TwoTeeth** explained that the first step is to submit an enrollment application. Once that is submitted, the Enrollment Research Team will review the application and then it will be reviewed to the Enrollment Committee for a determination based on the new records submitted, and then they will determine whether or not to move forward with the enrollment approval.

Ellie Bundy McLeod informed council she reached out to Foster Funeral Home regarding burial benefits and Ralph offered to provide lunch if the council wants a meeting. **Council** agreed to schedule the luncheon meeting for next Wednesday at Ninepipes.

Len TwoTeeth left the meeting to attend a funeral.

John Wheeler, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a resolution supporting the submission of the DHHS Substance Abuse & Suicide Prevention Program grant in the amount of \$400,000 to support the Tribal Health Department's continued efforts to build a Substance Abuse & Suicide Prevention Program consisting of Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Post-Vention.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution submission of the DHHS Substance Abuse & Suicide Prevention Program grant in the amount of \$400,000 to support the Tribal Health Department's continued efforts to build a Substance Abuse & Suicide Prevention Program consisting of Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Post-Vention. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 22-048

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DHHS SUBSTANCE ABUSE & SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT

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 primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of suicide among of our Native American people consider the safety of tribal people to be one of the most important responsibilities of tribal government; and

WHEREAS, in meeting this responsibility, the Tribes continue to Improve care, expand behavioral health care services through the use of cultural appropriate evidence-based and practice-based models to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, supporting Tribal Health and our communities educate and train our communities to recognize and respond to warning signs of suicide, prevent and intervene in suicides and suicide ideations, increase community awareness,

WHEREAS, the Tribes qualify for a \$400,000 grant HHS-2022-HIS-SPIP-0001 to support the Tribal Health Department's continued efforts to build a Substance Abuse & Suicide Prevention Program consisting of Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Post-Vention;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSKT Tribal Council approves the submission for the DHHS IHS Substance Abuse & Suicide Prevention Program grant; and

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.

Tony Incashola, Jr., Steve McDonald and **Rod Couture**, Tribal Forestry, informed council that the Boulder fire sales are coming up and there are safety issues with the 2000 Road so they would like authorization to close the 2000 Road for winter access for the duration of the sale. It would be open on weekends during the summer months.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the closure of the 2000 Road for access for the duration of the Boulder fire sales, due to safety reasons. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (9 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

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

Dan Decker, Michael Wheeler, Melisa Schlichting, John Harrison, Brian Upton, Mary Price, Chelsea Colwyn, Stu Levit, and **Christina Courville**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Carole Lankford left the meeting to go to a funeral.

Len TwoTeeth returned to the meeting.

Anita Matt left the meeting.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

There was Council consensus that there is no conflict of interest for former CSKT attorney Ryan Rusche and the Sonosky Law Firm to represent the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for settlement negotiations regarding Columbia River BiOp litigation, and Legal Department staff can sign a letter to that effect.

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

Carole Lankford returned to the meeting.

Anita Matt returned to the meeting.

John Harrison, Legal Department; **Mary Erickson, Virginia Kelly, Kathy Minor, Halcyon LaPoint,** and **Mike Thom**, Custer Gallatin National Forest Service; met with council regarding the Custer Gallatin National Forest Land Management Plan revision effort. The final EIS went out in July 2020. The CSKT topics at the November 2020 objection resolution meetings were Treaty rights, bison, and species of conservation concern (bison). The objection process for the plan is concluded, and the final plan will be issued once the CGNF planning team finishes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife consultation process, which should be

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soon. The final plan is targeted for a January 28, 2022 signing and public release. There is a thirty-day stay after it is signed.

Council met in **executive session**. **Rick Eneas**, Tribal Executive Officer; and **Patricia Hibbeler**, Director of Tribal Member Services; joined the discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Martin Charlo.

Council **adjourned** at 3:22 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary