

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

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Held: July 26, 2022
Approved: July 28, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anita Matt (Personal Time Off); and Carole Lankford (AMERIND Meeting – Albuquerque, New Mexico).

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 9:00 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Mike Dolson.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for July 21, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Jim Malatare to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 7 for; 1 abstention (Mike Dolson).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Jennifer Finley to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Craige Couture, Law & Order, met with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Art Caye discussed the dock located on tribal land in Elmo. Art does not mind people using the dock, but it is a mess with garbage. He showed council some pictures. Art would like to lease this property so he has some authority over the dock because people do whatever they want there. **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, reminded council of past discussions regarding this dock. There is

a dock, arbor, and an open field. The Tribal Lands Department staff mows and weed-eats the area, but the crew does not clean up the trash or provide trash cans. **Len TwoTeeth** thought it could be added to the Facilities Maintenance Department's list so the garbage can be picked up on a daily basis. This issue was added to Thursday's Land Committee meeting. The Natural Resources Department and Facilities Maintenance staff will be invited to attend the meeting.

Art Caye has been working with George on a piece of property that was purchased by the Tribes. He wants to know where the money came from to purchase that land. George cannot find any records on the funding. There is nothing on the property below him, and Art wanted to know if it is true that there can never be any buildings on the parcel. **Len TwoTeeth** thought the Fisheries program was involved with the purchase and mitigation dollars were used. **Mark Couture** will follow up with the staff and be prepared to report back at Thursday's Land Committee meeting.

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

Tony Incashola, Jr. and **Patrick Amborn**, Tribal Forestry, requested approval to advertise the sale of timber on the Boulder Line Logging Unit. It is a small cable sale and the units were not impacted by the Boulder fire.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution the advertisement of timber for sale on the Boulder Line Logging Unit. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 22-124

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF TIMBER ON THE BOULDER LINE LOGGING UNIT

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Forestry Department proposes to offer the sale of tribal timber in an area known as the Boulder Line Logging Unit:

Sale Information

<u>Sale</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Bid Rate</u>	<u>TSI</u>
Boulder Line L U	2,113 tons	\$ 7.00/ton -DF & O -	\$3.00/ton
	110 tons	\$20.00/ton- DF & O -	Allotment

WHEREAS, the sale will provide for the salvaging of mature, overmature and diseased trees; and

WHEREAS, the minimum acceptable bid rate for sawlogs on the Boulder Line Logging Unit is \$20.00 per ton for Douglas fir – Allotment and \$7.00/ton for Douglas-fir and Other Species – Tribal; and

WHEREAS, an additional amount will be collected to cover timber stand improvement on this unit for the Tribal portion;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby approves the sale of timber on the above-listed timber sale unit; approves the contract; and authorizes the Chairperson of the Tribal Council to sign the timber sale contract on the above-listed unit for and on behalf of said Tribes, after review of bids by the Tribal Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Approving Officer is authorized to make error corrections in the contract without referral to the Tribal Council, provided such corrections do not materially alter the form and substance of the contract.

Whisper Camel-Means and **Katie Finley-Squeque**, Natural Resources Department, presented a request from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks for a collection permit to sample tribal waters for aquatic invasive species.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to grant Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks a collection permit to sample tribal waters for aquatic invasive species. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Katie Finley-Squeque, Natural Resources Department, informed council that the Watercraft Inspector Appreciation Week is August 1-7. **Council** acknowledged and appreciated all of our water boat inspectors, aka our water protectors.

Melinda Charlo, Indian Preference Office, requested approval of a project specific agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for a luminaire replacement project.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve the project specific agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for a luminaire replacement project. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Len TwoTeeth wants information on the number of tribal members that were hired for projects and how much revenue was brought into the economy. Len

would like that information presented to council each year. **Melinda Charlo** will provide the report to council.

Mattie Griswold, Wan-Yuan Kuo, and Jenny Grossenbacher, Montana State University; **Patrick Yawakie, Regina Madplume, Lex Pierre, and Ricardo Lopez**, Peoples Food Sovereignty Program; **Barry Hansen** and **Elissa Ikola**, Native Fish Keepers, Inc.; gave an update on collaborative projects the Montana State University Food Product Development Lab, Native Fish Keepers, Inc., Peoples Food Sovereignty Program, and Montana Institute on Ecosystems are working on with the Flathead Reservation. **Katie Jones**, Legal Department; and **Jordan Thompson**, Tribal Executive Office; were present for discussion. The group will determine what data to collect with our community collaborators and advisors, present to the council, and seek Salish Kootenai College IRB approval; will share all the data with the community collaborators and Salish Kootenai College IRB; publish learning outcomes of MSU students involved; and will report the project assessment data to the funders on how the communities benefit from the projects. **Barry Hansen** discussed trying to make Native Fish Keepers a sustainable program where the lake trout pay for themselves. They have been successful in marketing lake trout and returning 20% of the revenue equal to the cost of suppression. There is a tremendous amount of waste with filleting lake trout. There is a possibility that an intern will be funded to look into it. **Elissa Ikola** is an intern at Native Fish Keepers and she is working on a fish waste research project to look into lake trout fish waste repurposing feasibilities after fillet production. The goal is to reduce the pollution to Flathead Lake while producing a new revenue stream to finance the lake trout suppression program. The current situation is fish waste after production put back in Flathead Lake, fishmeal production, and dried powder for agricultural application. A lake trout nutritional analysis was done to understand nutrient and possible contaminant content based on sensory tests with the goal of correlating the nutritional values with sensory differences. **Patrick Yawakie** and **Regina Madplume** informed council that the Peoples Food Sovereignty Program is a 501(c)3 fiscally sponsored tribally-led grassroots organization. Their mission statement is to implement crucial food sovereignty projects and programs for the tribal community living on the Flathead Indian Reservation by exercising tribal self-determination to decrease cases of food insecurity, preserve cultural resources, and develop Indigenous agriculture curriculum for K-12 and post-secondary education. Past projects included holiday season meat distributions for Thanksgiving (70 turkeys) and Christmas (70 turkeys, 20 hams, and candy). The program received 8 donated elk from the National Bison Range and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Elk Culling program. The meat was transported to local food processor and was distributed to 77 tribal homes (267 individuals) in the first year and over 180 tribal homes (800 individuals) in the second year. They started the Garden Bed Network and it was featured in the Char-Koosta News. The program is working with 81 homes and would like to partner with CSKT. **Ricardo Lopez** gave an overview of the Garden program. 35 gardens were built. The program distributed

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seedlings to the new and existing garden bed participant network. **Mattie Griswold** is supporting the Garden Network Project and expanding capacity of the Peoples Food Sovereignty Program outreach; creating instructional videos; developing recipes that incorporate wild game and garden produce; and developing educational resources. **Jenny Grossenbacher** gave an overview of the Montana Pollution Prevention Program and discussed future work.

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

Jim Malatare left the meeting on personal time off for the remainder of the day.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Greg Spahr and **Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, discussed recommendations for the fiscal year 2023 tribal appropriations. Greg will return mid-August for the next round of adjustments and by the end of August for Final/Final.

Jody Perez, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority; and **Bob Gauthier**; introduced **David Corwin, Ingrid Ripley, Kathleen Williams, Cindy Colman, Tanya Plummer,** and **Brenda Dennis**. SKHA is having a meeting with the USDA group about USDA lending on trust property. **Len TwoTeeth** commented that CSKT has been trying to address foreclosure issues. A goal of the Tribes is to get more tribal member homeowners on the reservation. People can go to USDA.com for more information about the lending programs that are available.

Shane Morigeau, Tribal Executive Office, requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

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

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Patricia Hibbeler, Director of Tribal Member Services; and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department; met with council for a Tribal Health Committee meeting.

MOTION by Bing Matt to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

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Council **adjourned** at 4:09 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary