

**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: July 28, 2022
Approved: August 2, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anita 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 9:05 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Carole Lankford.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for July 26, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Carole Lankford).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Martin Charlo gave a COVID-19 update. We are still in a high transmission rate. Masks are still mandated in tribal buildings. Martin hopes everyone remains safe and do their due diligence if they are sick. The people that have gotten sick have had different results. He suggested that all individuals consult with their medical provider about what is best for them and their family. **Len TwoTeeth** learned of some people recently infected and asked they be kept in people’s prayers.

Carole Lankford attended the AMERIND meeting and was elected chair of the Cell Commission. Carole would like the alternates to get involved so she has a backup.

Carole Lankford informed council she will be leaving at noon today so she can attend the honoring of Sherry McDonald.

Carole Lankford informed council that James Big Beaver called her. The Drug Court participants volunteered to do some work at the Elmo Pow Wow. During the pow wow they got fired and were never paid for the hours they worked. The committee should hire people to take care of the bathrooms. They were going to use the money from their work for their annual trip. There were 4 or 5 of them out there working. Carole wants this looked into. **Len TwoTeeth** was also contacted by James and he will follow up with the Pow Wow Committee Chairman and Rick Eneas. Carole wants a report from the pow wow committee. The group is doing a walk in Polson to put faces to the people who have lost their lives and for people who are still struggling. **Martin Charlo** had asked James to submit an invoice so it could get paid. Carole stated his sister was assisting him with the invoice.

Jennifer Tomasik, The Akana Group, introduced herself to council and gave an overview of the company she works for. The company can assist Tribal citizens and ranchers in need of equipment. They also have training and education programs within the company. They can provide lending opportunities from Native Banks or CDFIs. They also provide train the trainer training for roads businesses. **Len TwoTeeth** asked Jennifer to leave her business card so tribal members can be made aware of the program.

Chairman McDonald discussed the aquatic invasive species boat inspection stations. He wants council to acknowledge the staff members working there next week and give them a gift of appreciation, such as a food basket or refreshments that could be delivered to them while working in the hot weather. **Len TwoTeeth** will follow up.

Council met in **executive session**.

James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms, requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Greg Spahr, Financial Management; **Mike Woloski** and **Dave Wiesehan**, Office of Trust Fund Investments; **Deb Dumontier**, **Raelyn Swan**, and **Rae Luckett**,

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Bureau of Trust Fund Administration; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to provide an update.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Troy Downing, Montana State Auditor, informed council he was elected to chair the American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The Commission is on a tour to listen to community issues so the office can collaborate to find solutions. The office provides outreach and education for consumers. The Commission covers many types of financial crimes, Ponzi schemes, romance schemes, and prosecutes crimes against seniors. A financial specialist team was established to investigate and prosecute financial crimes against the elderly community. Education and outreach are provided to assist with elder exploitation and elder abuse. There was a multi-state action last year on a scheme to sell fraudulent securities in precious metals. That was closed down and the perpetrators were caught. The American Indian and Alaska Native Liaison Committee is a national platform to identify issues in native communities regarding insurance products and provides education on health insurance, managed care, and learning how to navigate insurance plans, such as Obamacare. The commission provides outreach and education on financial empowerment, capital formation, lack of insurance markets, housing crises, and consumer protection. They are doing some data calls to ask insurance underwriters to tell them if they are insuring on reservations and requesting the number of products being sold. **Carole Lankford** informed Mr. Downing she was appointed as the chair of the Regulatory Cell Commission for AMERIND. AMERIND insures 250 housing authorities across the nation, workers comp, health insurance, and governmental insurance. Carole asked about the Land Board funds and if those funds go to anything but public schools. Mr. Downing advised there are different trustees for the Land Board and he is not aware of it going to private schools; it was not intended to go to any private schools. **Len TwoTeeth** talked about the State land exchanges. DNRC and BLM developed a checklist for the Tribes to go through for every parcel of land before they will sign ownership to the Tribes. The Tribes were not afforded that opportunity when the land was taken for state land purposes. We only have three years to get each checklist done for the land transfer. The State plans on retaining the mineral rights to those parcels. It is troubling that the CSKT must go through that process to get the lands transferred. **Mr. Downing** has reached out to DNRC to get briefed on the issue. He wants to make sure the due diligence is done and everyone has a chance to speak or he will not vote on it. He wants to make sure every stakeholder knows they are listened to and considered. Once he is briefed on the matter by the DNRC he invited CSKT to have another meeting with him. Mr. Downing would like to have regular meetings with the Tribal Council.

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Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 11:26 a.m. to conduct an Energy Keepers, Inc. shareholder representative meeting.

Carole Lankford left the meeting to attend the honoring of Sherry McDonald.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 12:23 p.m.

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

Jennifer Finley left the meeting on personal time off for the remainder of the day.

Council rescheduled the Land Committee meeting for next Tuesday.

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Doug Jackson to obtain a revocable permit to cut hay on the 20-acre tract of land located along Sullivan Gulch. The permit would expire on December 31, 2022.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to grant Doug Jackson a revocable permit through December 31, 2022 to cut hay on the identified tract of land along Sullivan Gulch. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, requested direction on whether to advertise the former Morigeau house or do a land exchange.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to advertise the former Morigeau house with a minimum bid of \$25,000. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Council **adjourned** at 1:36 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary