

**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: June 2, 2022
Approved: June 9, 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; and Mike Dolson.

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 9:00 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Shirley Trahan.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for May 31, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for May 31, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

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

Chairman McDonald reminded everyone that the next chairman’s meeting will take place on June 27, and that will be followed by the admin evaluation. Council members planning to attend the Bonners Ferry fieldtrip on Monday need to be there by 10:00 a.m.; if they are attending the afternoon fieldtrip only, they need to be there by 2:00 p.m.; and the dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Bob Bigart and **Joe McDonald** requested use of three Tribal Council portraits for a book about Salish and Kootenai athletes they are working on. The book will include photos of Charlie Allard, Three Feathers, William Matt, Henry Matt, Nick Lassa, Jimmy Dupuis, Frenchy Roullier, Sam Clairmont, Archie McDonald,

and Marvin Camel. It was the **consensus** of council to authorize use of the Tribal Council photographs for the book.

Tim Ryan, Salish Kootenai College, requested a recreation permit for the nontribal members that will be participating in the SKC Encampment at the Vanderburg Camp from June 5 -11 and July 11 - 15; and the Mission Mountain Youth Crew from June 13 - July 29. **Chairman McDonald** thought the Vanderburg Camp was exempted from requiring recreation permits for participants in the camp. He would like to find out if that is in effect.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve a permit waiver for Salish Kootenai College for the trail crew and the two college encampments. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Shirley Trahan, Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a departmental matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Erma Haynes, Enrollment Office, requested approval of a resolution authorizing the August 3, 2022 per capita distribution.

MOTION by Jennifer Finley to approve by resolution the August 3, 2022 per capita distribution. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 22-105

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUGUST 3, 2022 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION

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

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council established policy by Resolution 96-83 to make per-capita payments to tribal members three times annually during the months of December, April and August for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, said policy states that three equal per capita payments of \$400.00 will be made annually and that one-half (1/2) of each per capita distribution for each minor child enrolled in the Tribes is to be issued to said minor's parent or legal guardian and the other one-half (1/2) is to be placed in a trust account

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with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accumulate and earn interest until said minor has reached legal age; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the Northwest Regional Director is requested to authorize the \$400.00 per capita distribution to be made during the month of August 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Financial Management is directed and authorized to request sufficient tribal monies on deposit in the United States Treasury to be advanced to local status to effect said distribution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, Flathead Agency, and the Director of Financial Management are authorized to apply these funds to judgments held by Tribal Court, to assignments through Tribal Credit, and voluntary child support and to those accounts under the control of the Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the August 3, 2022 per capita distribution will be made to those members enrolled in the Tribes as of July 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the deadline for claims to be withheld from individuals' August 3, 2022 per capita for judgments, assignments and IIM holds through the Superintendent and Director of Financial Management shall be no later than July 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Whisper Camel-Means, Natural Resources Department, discussed recreation permits. The Native Waters Fly Fishing business wants to have a commercial guided business along the river. The Flathead Raft Company was sold and is under new ownership. That commercial recreation permit is transferrable with the prior written consent of the Tribes, so the new owners of Flathead Raft Company do not have a valid permit. A decision needs to be made about what to do regarding commercial recreation permits. **Chairman McDonald** gave an overview of past commercial permits. In the past the council has reserved these permits for tribal members. **Bing Matt** stated the North Fork is a permitted area going in to the Jocko River. **Council** clarified that the areas that are permitted would not be included.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve a one-year permit for Native Fish Flying Business, with the removal of the middle fork of the Jocko. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Bing Matt).

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Brian Upton, Legal Department, discussed the Polson annexation. The city let him know they were expecting to have the waiver of protest form signed before the public hearing scheduled for next Monday at 6:30 p.m. It is a 20-year waiver for special improvement district for the 80-acre parcel that the Tribes requested to be annexed.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to authorize the chairman to sign the waiver of protest to special improvement district. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Brian Upton, Legal Department; and **Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management; briefed the council on self-governance issues. The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee was seated. A consultation will be scheduled. Brian plans to attend the Self-Governance Conference in August.

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

Brian Upton, Legal Department; **Douglas Grob** and **Louis Pitt**, Montana Representatives for the Northwest Power & Conservation Council; **Kerry Burg**, Northwest Power & Conservation Council Staff; **Les Evarts** and **Lynn Ducharme**, Natural Resources Department; met with council for a meet and greet. The NPCC oversees Bonneville Power Administration. The CSKT is having a meeting in Bonners Ferry to discuss pollution in the waters due to the Elk Creek Mining. Mr. Grob is the liaison to Canada. The NWPPCC tracks that information and remains informed on the issue. The NWPP looks forward to working with CSKT to achieve the goals of protecting the water and fish. Meetings will be scheduled on a regular basis.

Ruth Swaney, Financial Management, presented the fiscal year 2022 first quarter financial report.

Council discussed a request from Shane Morigeau to grant tribal employees a two-hour change of duty, with supervisor approval, to go vote on June 7, 2022.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to grant tribal employees a two-hour change of duty, with supervisor approval, to go vote on June 7, 2022. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Carole Lankford and Martin Charlo out of the room).

Council **adjourned** at 11:44 a.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary