

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

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Held: April 5, 2024  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Dolson, Chairman; Tom McDonald, Vice-Chairman; Martin Charlo, Secretary; James Steele, Jr., Treasurer; Jennifer Finley; Carole Lankford; Jim Malatare; Danielle Matt; James “Bing” Matt; and Len TwoTeeth.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Trahan, Tribal Council Support; Leniece Trahan, Sergeant at Arms; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:09 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Sam Buffalo.

The Addison Twins sang a **flag song**.

The floor was opened for comments from Tribal elders. No comments were offered.

The floor was opened for tribal council updates.

**Tom McDonald** reported the CSKT worked on the water pollution coming into our aboriginal territory at Kootenai River due to open pit mining in Canada at the Elk River. This massive mountaintop mining leveled an area the size of the Mission Range, which caused selenium and other pollution. The selenium affected fisheries reproduction. Mr. Trudeau agreed to help us come to a solution and the governments put forward a request to the Boundary Waters Treaty Act Commission. The plan is to have a scientific committee set up by June and begin restoring the Kootenai River. This is a powerful move for Indian country.

**Jim Malatare** thanked the Addison Twins for the opening song. He is looking forward to the pow wow season. Jimmy attended the Salish Conference and the Tribal Leaders Meeting this past quarter. There are many issues between the State and Tribes. We all need to be concerned about the issue that Tom discussed regarding mining, and we all need to be involved to restore and protect our resources.

**James Steele, Jr.** stated he is honored to be back on the Tribal Council and thanked those who supported him. Jacinda Morigeau is running for a Senate District seat, and he is proud of her for running. We have a beautiful homeland, and that is why we have other entities attacking us. CSKT also has many nonmember friends who want to work with us and counties that do not fight us, such as Missoula and Sanders Counties. Lake County has refused to be a willing collaborative partner but insists on being antagonistic to the Tribes and the tribal people; they try to bully the Tribes and the State into doing what they want. The Tribes do many amazing things, such as owning a dam. We are the only tribe that owns a hydroelectric facility. CSKT was one of the first tribes to have air quality standards in the 1980s, and we are one of the first tribes that set aside a tribal wilderness area. James commented on how the Republican party has nominated a man who wants to become the dictator of the U.S. This man has also stated he believes women should be punished for choosing their right to exercise their health care choices. He also said that he wants the people to know that it is a race between a man who has protected the rights of the people, President Biden, and a man who wants to defend himself, Trump.

**Jennifer Finley** thanked the drummers for the song this morning. Jennifer wants to do things that are a reflection of her and she wants to make a positive difference in the community. Jennifer held a district meeting in Polson and she invited the Tribal Health Department staff who handle medical bills and the community members that have issues with medical bills. Tribal Health hired someone to rewrite updated policies to reflect current needs. The department is in the process of rewriting policies to make it easier for tribal members to see naturopaths. Jennifer held a will clinic at Salish Kootenai College and the University of Montana Law School students volunteered their time. There about 10 tribal members that got their wills made during that clinic. Jennifer serves as the vice-chair of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission and she attended a meeting this past quarter. When she travels on behalf of CSKT, she looks for as many opportunities as possible to bring back to the Tribes. She sent some grant information to James Bible that could provide startup funds for the Elmo travel plaza. Jennifer attended the National Congress of American Indians winter session and she serves as the Regional Vice-President of the Rocky Mountain Region. Jennifer forwarded some opportunities for the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority to apply for grants. She forwarded information on a training grant for S&K Electronics and Salish Kootenai College to do workforce development. Jennifer attended the Behavioral Health Future Generations meeting in Great Falls. Patricia Hibbeler helped by providing the background information on Medicaid and the healthcare system, and Jennifer and Carole provided testimony for a regional treatment facility in Montana for Native Americans. Jennifer attended the Reservation Economic Summit and attended a session that was sponsored by the Cherokee Tribe. During the pandemic, the Cherokee Tribe developed a partnership with a software company where their own tribal members can be trained to be systems administrators at no cost,

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receive a mentor, and then some of them were found jobs in that field. The average salary for those remote work positions is \$80,000 per year. That program will be opened to all tribes in the United States. Once it is open, Jennifer will get that information in the newspaper to let any interested tribal members know of the opportunity to work in the IT field. It is important to provide services to the community. Jennifer volunteers in the community and offered some free yoga classes and a poetry reading with youth in three communities. She volunteers her time and does not get paid for those things. Jennifer was connected with the National Indian Health Board when she was in Washington, DC for the National Congress of American Indians conference, and she advocated for more money for tribes. The CSKT has had some meetings about Public Law 280, and she is excited about the possibilities we have before us. Jennifer does not think we should let Lake County drive the bus on this; we need to drive bus for the destiny of our own people. Council toured the bathhouse. There is a tribal member who wants to remediate the facility.

**Bing Matt** thanked Sam for the opening prayer and the drummers for the flag song. It is good to hear young people sing songs. He attended Inter-Tribal Bison Commission meeting with NCRS. They talked about going to different bison herds and tribes to help them check the soils to feed the bison. There was also discussion about fencing through NCRS. It was a good meeting. A lot of work needs to be done with Public Law 280 and there needs to be a management plan for the drought conditions. The council had a visitor from the Department of Energy this week and she commented on how beautiful this place is.

**Len TwoTeeth** thanked the membership for attending the meeting. It is important to see the membership at the meetings because it serves as a reminder of who the council works for. Len thanked the drummers for the song. The establishment of a store in Elmo is finally going to happen. S&K Business Services was tasked with beginning the process of creating a store. It will take a lot of work. The council has been focused on Public Law 280. It is a very complex issue and the Tribes are trying to look at it from every angle to determine the path forward to provide protection to our people and making sure justice is served equally to everybody. That process has been very challenging. A tribal member mentioned there has not been a response from the Tribes in the media, and Len apologized for not being more responsive. Dealing with the Lake County government has been abrasive. We have tried to avoid that and stay focused on what we need to do. We need to get all the needed information to make an informed decision. Public Law 280 will dissolve on May 30, 2024. The tribal government will be working hard to make sure they take the right path.

**Martin Charlo** acknowledged the staff and expressed his appreciation for all the hard work they do for the Tribes. Leniece Trahan was hired as the new Sergeant at Arms. Martin had to have hip surgery last month. He encouraged everyone to take care of their health. Martin attended the Western Montana Conservation

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Commission meeting. The commission helps protect our water and keeps it clean. Septic systems that are older than 15 years could be failing. Waste water and septic systems was part of the conference in Polson this past January. The Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority was approved for a \$500,000 study through the Federal Rail Authority. They have been trying to reopen the southern passenger rail route from Billings through the reservation and to Washington. Milo Booth from the Department of Transportation was here for a site visit last week. Pablo will have a skatepark and it will break ground in October. Martin appreciates the staff for coming up with creative ideas to help the membership. One area we do not talk about is mental health, and we need to look at that. We need to look at aftercare for addiction and supportive holistic care for our people. Relapse is part of recovery and those individuals need support. Martin has been involved with frisbee golf/disc golf. There will be a three disc lone star challenge tournament coming up April 14, 2024 at SKC. Ongoing issues the CSKT has been working on include gaming, Public Law 280, and the lake levels. Martin appreciated everyone for attending the meeting today.

**Danielle Matt** thanked everyone for being here and she is honored to serve on the council. This first quarter has been a learning experience. Danielle attended the Salish Language Conference. She looks forward to getting something done at the bathhouse. There are some MMIW projects coming up in May. There will be a fun run and a self-defense class. The Dixon spring cleanup will be in early June. Danielle thanked the Reasons to Live Native program for assisting with family nights in Dixon and holding Salish classes. 15-40 people have been showing up for the event every Thursday night. Danielle appreciated Tribal Lands for cleaning up the old Pole Yard. The Dixon community is working hard to not be the weakest link on the reservation.

**Carole Lankford** thanked the membership for being here, Sam for the prayer, and the drummers for the song. The Pine Hills Correction Facility reported that 55% of kids in custody are Native American youth. She supports going forward with full retrocession. The Tribes can do a better job for our people; we know what they need, such as mental health, health care, counselling, and love. The Drug Court and Tribal Healing Court are making small strides. Project 30 is now called the Hub. There will be a grand opening for the Hub on April 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Carole encouraged the membership to show up in unity. Carole has been working on Medicaid Expansion reauthorization. It brings Third Party revenue to the Tribes, which provides funding for healthcare. Tribes are fighting hard for reauthorization. When the COVID-19 pandemic ended, Medicaid Unwinding started, which means everyone that was kept on the Medicaid rolls was kicked off, so now the Tribal Health Department is trying to get people back on Medicaid. The Tribes lost Joe McDonald, which was a huge loss. Council has been working on skateparks for communities, and there will be a skatepark in Ronan, Arlee and Pablo. The Tribes will pay \$100,000 for each park, will be raising money, and Jeff Lament will do fundraising. Council met with the Lt.

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Governor to discuss water rights and Public 280. Carole attended the gala for the Arlee Rehabilitation Center, which raises funds for animals. She attended the Lake County Drug Court, Tribal Healing Court, the Hub, Frank Tyro's honoring, serves on the Boys & Girls Club board, and volunteered at the Bread Basket. The American Indian Health Leaders have \$300 million that the governor signed into law. Carole and Jennifer provided testimony and asked for \$51,000 to put towards a treatment center for Native Americans. Carole met with the City mayor. The executive team and CEO will give an update. There are some amazing things going on and the team is very busy juggling many things.

**Chairman Dolson** talked about the bathhouse in Hot Springs. It has been vacant for 30+ years. There has been a lot of graffiti and break-ins. It was a challenge to keep it secure and the council took action to demolish it. One of our concerned citizens in Hot Springs wanted to save the building and the council toured the structure. The asbestos and toxic lead needs to be remediated. Council rescinded the demolition order and will move forward with remediation and get it secured. Council dedicated \$100,000 for each community. Hot Springs established a community committee to determine what they want to do with that funding. Funding is needed for the cemeteries. The children are our future and we need to keep them in our prayers.

**Council** recognized the following employees who have recently retired: Benny McDonald, Dale Nelson, Gordon Fyant, Ed Winebrenner, Charles Morigeau, Wilhelmina Keenan, and Ken Clairmont.

**Council** recognized the following employees for having 20+ years of service: Mary Rogers, Amiel Gardipe, Georgina Big Beaver, Rebecca McDonald, Marilyn Caye, Sandra Andrew, Nickie Nicholas, Johnny Keenan, David Burton, John Harrison, Thomas Haynes, Amanda Bourdon, Sarah Lutes, Wayne McCoy, Crystal Bunce, Randall Finley, Thomas Maestas, Daniel Decker, Antoine Incashola, Jr., Michael Matt, Linden Plant, Mountain Wahl, Juanita Swaney, Pamela Dusty Bull, Angela Lozeau, Linda Malatare, Betty Weaselhead, Joseph Quequesah, Michael McCrea, Marion Bagola, Sadie Stops, Marcella Mahseelah, Alfred Malatare, John Bunce, Vanessa Finley, Daniel Tromp, Marla Couture, Brian Upton, Douglas Mays, Evan Smith, Colleen Couture, Russell Vinson, Mary Ann Bird, Rebekah Dalbey, Leeanna Muzquiz, Tracy Plant, Lawrence Mays, Teri Burke, Angela Grant, Miranda Depoe, John Hammer, and Jami Schall.

**Council** recognized Charles Morigeau for his years of services.

**Council** recognized Bob Gauthier. Bob was honored for his lifetime of leadership for his years of service and contributions to the CSKT, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority, and Indian country.

**Council** recognized Drew Hendrickson. Drew joined the voluntary Fire Department in the 1970s and became the first EMT for the Arlee community. Drew spent countless hours volunteering his time to raise funds so the fire department could go from a one-bay repurposed jail house to a newly built fire station and EMT facility. Drew has logged in over 15,000 hours of services. Drew was awarded for being the Emergency Provider of the Year by the State of Montana. He has provided this service for 46 years and is a true community leader.

**Council** recognized Cameron Neiss and the Ronan High School Girls Wrestling Team was recognized for being a two-time championship winner.

The **Addison Twins** sang an honor song.

\*\*\*\*\* **Break** \*\*\*\*\*

**Dan Durglo** and **Kyle Felsman**, S&K Mission Management; and **John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance; gave an update. Dan expressed his appreciation to Rick Eneas for his support and the many working discussions and foundational work to create SKMM. Dan expressed his appreciation to the Executive Directors Tony Incashola, Jr., Patricia Hibbeler, Greg Sphar, and Lisa Shourds, and in particular he appreciates the coordination meetings with Lisa each week. Dan talked about the importance of working with John Neiss and he appreciates John's knowledge and expertise. John is a valuable resource for SKMM to get their projects completed. SKMM is a new company and currently has 5 staff members. All staff members hold college degrees and hold project management professional certification or are working towards certification. The company does project management from initiation through successful completion, vendor management, cost and value management, and onsite management. Facilities and deferred maintenance have been their main focus. SKMM was appreciative for the opportunity for work from the CSKT. SKMM has completed 16 projects in just over one year. There are active projects and numerous projects in the initiation phase. There are 35 tribal buildings included in the HVAC project, which is 100+ units. The roofing project includes 17 roofs. The Elmo Stick Game Pavilion project is going well. The Blue Bay windows project has been completed. Other projects SKMM is working on is fencing, decks, stairs, ramps, rails, doors, and windows. The future of SKMM includes the ability to support tribal projects of all sizes and complexities, profits are CSKT profits, developing a vendor database to ensure CSKT receives the very best, and having a tribal vendor forum to identify and enlist tribal vendors. The primary work the company is currently doing is deferred maintenance. There is potential growth, especially with the water compact. SKMM continues to expand its knowledge, experience, and abilities. **James Steele, Jr.** mentioned the basketball courts by the Long House and in Dixon need to be repaired. **Bing Matt** discussed the Easter egg hunt that took place at the Arlee Pow Wow grounds. Every seam on the harbor leaked on

the new carpet, and he thought those repairs were supposed to be taken care of. **John Neiss** thought it was repaired. There were numerous holes that were repaired, but he did not know if the seams were addressed. It can be placed on the warranty list. Bing said the water pipes to the restrooms need to be replaced. John responded he is going through the assessment with plumbers and engineers for that. Once the piping gets done in the canals it will affect the water levels. There are currently two wells there that will need to be assessed.

**Patricia Hibbeler**, Director of Tribal Member Services, gave an update. Patricia oversees seven tribal departments. Carole Lankford and Jennifer Finley provided testimony on House Bill 278 regarding the \$300 million that was set aside for mental health and developmental disabilities. She continues to track that. A request went to the State for \$50+ million to be set aside to tribes and a portion for a regional healing center. The healing center will be formed as a nonprofit under Fort Peck law and will be called Red Sheild 8 Nations. There is a council of elders coming together to advise on the haling center. An elder suggested the name, because historically it comes from our war shields and the power of the color red. This movement of tribes coming together to create this center is for the protection and livelihood of our members over time. The purpose of the nonprofit is for Montana and Wyoming tribes to work together and provide treatment to Native Americans. They are working on an adult treatment and detox center in the Billings area. Western Crow might donate some land. The Little Shell Tribe has created a land donation proposal for land in the Great Falls are. Some land was suggested at CSKT, as well. The plots of land will be determined in the next couple of weeks so a decision can be made on which area would be best based on the criteria. The architectural firm Seven Directions was contracted to do an analysis and assessment of the three land choices and provide the information to the Board as they move forward. Patti thanked Jennifer Finley for her willingness to serve on the Board. Kathy Ross, Joe Durglo, and Patti are the alternatives. Patti was appointed to serve on the executive committee. Patti talked about Medicaid and the need for the membership to contact Tribal Health if they need to get back on Medicaid. It takes 45 days for the State to process the applications and the State is behind on that. Patti handed out a flyer. The Tribal Health Department and DHRD Elderly Servies programs are planning an Elders Conference on April 24 at Kwataqnuk Resort. The conference is for elders and caregivers. Topics that will be covered include preventing medication abuse, elder fall prevention, combative behavior and dementia, how to report, and how to recognize elder financial abuse. There will be a drug takeback day that day, as well, for people that need to dispose their medications in a safe manner. The Ronan Health Physical Therapy Clinic is now completed and the staff is moving in. There will be an open house and celebration within the next 30 days. There will be some meetings to discuss funding and planning to prepare for the decisions that are made around Public Law 280.

**Greg Spahr**, Director of Financial Management, stated he is honored to serve the tribal council and membership. He thanked the teams he leads; they are supportive of the council's directives. The financial position of the Tribes remains strong. We are half way through fiscal year 2024. Programs will be re-evaluated to make sure they are on track and budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. There are discussions about fiscal year 2025 and providing funding for Public Law 280 in whatever form it takes. Greg began to advise the department heads to re-evaluate their programs as we exit COVID funding from the CARES Act and other allocations and distributions that caused additional funds to be available and see as the money pulls back to return back to where they were without those funds. The department is working on revenue and controlling expenses across the board. Greg is seeking ways to improve the delivery of those funds and offer direct deposit to make sure anyone receiving funding through the Postal Service with minimal disruption. The staff monitors the ARPA funding. The Tribes received \$80 million in federal funding in 2021. Three distributions were made to the membership for a total of \$48 million. The balance of that funding must be obligated by December 2024. All but \$300,000 of those funds remain unobligated. The Economic Development Office is seeking feedback from the meat processing grant agency and is optimistic that we will receive that funding.

**Jordan Thompson**, Deputy Executive Officer, began working for the CSKT 13 year ago after he completed law school. Jordan serves as the Deputy Executive Officer, which means he handles issues during Rick Eneas' absence. Jordan works on special projects and oversees the Food Sovereignty pilot program that started in 2020. Food Sovereignty has the Elders Soup program and delivers soup to the elders twice per week. They do local foods program which includes community gardens and hunting. They do food distribution from USDA grant funding they receive. They use tribal member beef for those food boxes. Its high quality food. They provide education and community activities. Dry mean social this Saturday in Dixon. The Bison Range Visitor Center is a project Jordan is working on. There is a plan to move the entrance to the top of Ravalli Hill to improve access and revenue. Jordan works on the state and federal lobbying efforts every other year. During the non-legislative years Jordan works on other things, such as Initiative 193, which would open up hunting on fee lands within the reservation boundaries. That initiative would have consequences off reservation, as well. The CSKT entered into the bird hunting agreement several years ago and it would be at risk if the hunting initiative goes through. Shane Morigeau is the Public Affairs Officer and Jordan works with him on public affairs and communications. The Communications Director position is currently vacant and being advertised.

The floor was opened for comments from the membership.

**Jacinda Morigeau** announced she is running for Senate District 46. She gave an overview of the area due to redistricting. Jacinda is interested in sovereignty



and education. She graduated from the University of Montana, and is interested in access to reproductive care, Medicaid expansion, and housing access. There should be a native person in this senate seat and she requested the endorsement and support from the CSKT.

**Ruth Swaney** is thankful to the land we belong to and thankful to have respect for the land and to cherish and value it. Ruth supports Lake County retroceding felony jurisdiction. We were on the short list to be terminated 70 years ago. It will fail if we do things the same way the county does. Ruth would like to propose ordinance changes. The people that continue to break our laws should not be allowed to remain here if they do not rehabilitate and get on the right path. We need to take an approach that has been proven to work. Ruth discussed the council forming an enrolment committee. It is not fair to have split families. Siblings with the same parents should have their blood quantum increased. The 1960 enrollment changes to require a one-quarter blood quantum prevented younger children from the same parents from being enrolled. People should not have been denied enrollment due to their residency. Ruth discussed housing needs. She heard on the news that Missoula had some studies done. Ruth was disappointed that Tribal Credit increased its mortgage rates. Tribal Credit is supposed to help people who could not ordinarily get a loan on the open market. Our people should have access to our resources. Ruth mentioned the importance of getting out the vote and the need to support our language programs.

**Thomas “Sonny” Lozeau** continued to discuss the issues that he brought up when he met with the council yesterday. He gave a book to the Legal Department in reference to his son’s Supreme Court case. Sonny gave an overview of the George Mitchell case from 1965 which objected to the State’s jurisdiction for that case, the McDonald case, and Ordinance 40A (Revised). Sonny gave an overview of issues he has regarding his homesite lease and his HUD 184 loan. Sonny commented that the charter prohibits the mortgage or sale of any tribal land. Sonny attended the Elmo district meeting and heard the council was trying to do an ordinance regarding enrollment. He went over the history of the topic of proposed enrollment changes.

**Shane Hendrickson** liked the comments he heard about Public Law 280 and enrollment. The Tribes are in an identity crisis. The Tribes do not even break even on the recreation permits they sell and we need to protect our borders from nonmembers. Shane tells nonmembers they need a permit when he sees them on tribal land. If the blood quantum for the full bloods was corrected we would not need to change the enrollment criteria. If two tribal members have children, those children will be enrolled. We should no longer sell recreation permits and the Tribes should close the reservation borders. Nonmembers should be charged a fee to drive through the reservation. Tribal members should not have to compete with nonmembers for our resources. Shane has taken buckets of mushrooms away from nonmembers and told them they have no right to pick

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our berries. Shane was disappointed with the outcome of his meeting with the council yesterday. He talked about Resolution 94-74. The Tribal Council cannot be separated from the people they were elected to represent, and they need to tell the truth and abide by the laws. The resolution states unity is critical for the survival of our nation and Tribal officials and employees must be committed. Shane felt disrespected yesterday. The council serves the membership; it is not the other way around.

**Thomas “Sonny” Lozeau** has a hard copy of the 2004 enrollment book and he discovered there are other tribal people here from other tribes that are documented in our enrolment book.

**Shelly Hendrickson** discussed enrollment and she thinks CSKT needs to start at the beginning to fix a lot of things. Shelly thanked the Tribes for giving her a tag for the dump since she cannot afford to purchase one. People are dropping garbage on tribal land. Shelly wants the Tribes to provide big dumpsters containers because they cannot afford to go to the dump. It would help keep the reservation clean. Shelly discussed homelessness and recommended that the Tribes have more homesites. Tribal members used to be allowed enough timber to build a log house. The roads are bad and the timber looks terrible. Shelly needs a new house and she believes tribal members should be able to use the timber to build homes. The timber belongs to her too, so she would like to be able to use it. If tribal members do not use the timber for their house, then the Tribes could take it back. Shelly wanted to know why lunch was not served today. She would like there to be more hype to encourage the membership to attend the next quarterly meeting and speak up.

**Thomas “Sonny” Lozeau** commented on dumpsters. There was a V8 engine sitting in the middle of an intersection so he picked it up. People do not have a way to take their trash to the dump so they dump it on tribal land. Sonny does not believe homesite lessees should be forced to have electricity and a well. Some people want to live the old way in a teepee and sweat lodge.

The floor was opened for closing comments.

**Len TwoTeeth** was glad the dump issue was brought up. The council directed tribal staff to develop a plan for that, and to date the council has received nothing. Len asked the chairman to follow up.

**Jennifer Finley** was glad to hear from the membership today. She is here to listen to the membership’s concerns and to be respectful.

**Bing Matt** thanked Shelly and Sonny for bringing up their issues. He told Shelly she can still get 10,000 board feet of timber each year, but tribal members are

required to haul it. Bing appreciated the comments brought up by Sonny and he enjoyed listening to his presentation.

**James Steele, Jr.** encouraged the membership to vote for Jacinda Morigeau. People need to register to vote before the June primary.

**Tom McDonald** thanked the membership for attending the meeting today, the drummers, and the cooks who prepared the breakfast. There are many issues the council is working on. The council formed a committee to look at enrollment. Public Law 280 is a critical issue and he wants to have jurisdiction of those individuals on our reservation. It is important to fix our people, and Tom is not in favor of building a big facility to lock up our people. The other side of addiction is the victims and their rights need to be protected, as well.

**Jennifer Finley** is in favor of going the reassumption route to take back our jurisdiction over a period of time. we did not have homelessness before the white people moved here. We had a strong system in place to deal with trauma. We are capable of governing ourselves, including justice. **Carole Lankford** would like to have the definition of reassumption and retrocession in the newspaper so the differences are very clear. Jennifer thinks our justice system could include a cultural component to healing and there could be access to language classes and cultural teachings.

The meeting was closed with a **prayer** by Tom McDonald.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 1:58 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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Tribal Council Secretary