

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

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Held: January 23, 2024
Approved: January 25, 2024

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Finley (National Congress of American Indians Meeting – Washington, DC).

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Trahan, Tribal Council Support; 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 James Steele, Jr.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for January 18, 2024 were presented for approval.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2024, with corrections. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 7 for; 2 abstentions (Mike Dolson and Tom McDonald).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

Tom McDonald informed council that Tom France, a dedicated friend to the Tribes and wildlife advocate, raised an issue regarding a limitation on Interior funding and he is asking the Tribes to send comments to Senator Tester and other folks concerning stopping any funding for bison restoration. This is specific to the restoration of buffalo at the Charles M. Russell Refuge. **James Steele, Jr.** mentioned Representative Zinke blocked the funding for buffalo.

Len TwoTeeth informed council that over the weekend our eldest tribal member Betty Schall had a birthday, and he wished her a happy birthday.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Tom McDonald. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Tom McDonald requested a letter be sent to Senator Tester regarding the Interior funding for buffalo.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to send the letter to Senator Tester. Seconded by Tom McDonald. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Chairman Dolson discussed a request from Swan Valley Connections for a donation. The organization has been a great partner with resource management. The donation policy is for tribal members only, so the request would require council action.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to donate \$1,000.00 to Swan Valley Connections. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Chairman Dolson discussed a request from the Save Flathead Lake group for a donation. It was the **consensus** of council to deny the donation request.

Carole Lankford suggested having donation requests go through the appropriate departments.

Chairman Dolson informed council that the Native American Finance Office Association is holding a conference about finance April 29-30 at the Hard Rock in Florida. Mike talked about a CTAS grant opportunity to purchase an MX908 handheld mass spectrometer to be used for fentanyl and meth detection and the notice was sent to DHRD and Tribal law enforcement. **Council** referred the information to the Director of Tribal Member Services. **Carole Lankford** has received complaints about employees using drugs in the restroom, vehicles, and offices and she would like a way to address it. **Chairman Dolson** would like the Legal Department to review that issue.

Ann Miller, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of a resolution to accept funding from Partners for Justice as a subrecipient of funding up to \$250,000.00 for implementation of the Mental Health Client Advocate Program at the Tribal Defenders Office, and a waiver of the IDC. The program assisted 38 people with getting into treatment last year. **Martin Charlo** supports the Defenders Office and thought the waiver of the IDC could be the Tribes' contribution.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution to accept funding from Partners for Justice as a subrecipient of funding up to \$250,000.00 for implementation of the Mental Health Client Advocate Program at the Tribal Defenders Office, and a waiver of the IDC. Seconded by Tom McDonald. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-026

RESOLUTION FOR CSKT TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM PARTNERS FOR JUSTICE AS A SUBRECIPIENT OF FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT ADVOCATE PROGRAM AT THE TRIBAL DEFENDERS OFFICE

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

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe, recognized by the United States Government and all of its governing bodies and agencies for the Tribal Council to act pursuant to its inherent and retained sovereignty, empowered in all matters that concern the health, safety, and wellbeing of the Tribe and its tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has determined care, services and support of their tribal member and descendent children and the family is the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council, through issuance of eight priority resolutions, see the importance of improved substance abuse treatment and supportive services as part of increasing coordinated service delivery for individuals involved directly with our Tribal Defenders Office; and

WHEREAS, this Initiative provides the basis for a partnership between the Tribal Defenders Office and Partners for Justice to improve service delivery to people in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is fully supportive of the acceptance of funding from Partners for Justice and the continued implementation of mental health client advocacy for Tribal Defender clients; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council respectfully approves the receipt of funding from Partners for Justice in support of advocacy for Tribal Defenders clients experience mental health disorders.

Steve McDonald informed council that Linden Plante was hired as the program manager for Forest Development.

Steve McDonald, Linden Plante, Patrick Amborn, and Josiah Pettit, Tribal Forestry, requested approval to advertise the Jette South Logging Unit Timber Sale. **Carole Lankford** has been told that weed spraying has not been getting done even though it is included in the contracts, and she wants it monitored to make sure it is done. Josiah will follow up and be more transparent. **Len TwoTeeth** asked if the Kootenai elders reviewed the request. Josiah advised the

program has discussed it with the elders and took them on three field trips, and they had no opposition to the plan.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve by resolution the advertisement of the Jette South Logging Unit Timber Sale. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-027

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF TIMBER ON THE JETTE S 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 JETTE S Logging Unit:

<u>Sale Information</u>			
<u>Sale</u>	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Advertised Bid Rate</u>	<u>TSI</u>
JETTE S L U	12,740 TONS	\$13.00/TON -DF & O	\$3.00/TON
	2,294 TONS	\$ 8.00/TON - PP	- \$3.00/TON

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 Jette S Logging Unit is \$13.00 per ton for Douglas fir and \$8.00/ton for Ponderosa Pine; 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.

Sadie Peone-Stops, Selis Qlispe Culture Committee, requested approval of a resolution for the 2024 Montana Indian Language Program grant. The program

submitted the application as recommended, and is seeking approval and support to proceed. The program has previously applied and successfully received funding to support the language efforts for a number of years. Sadie has not received an award letter indicating how much funding will be received this funding cycle. Last year SQCC received \$44,000.00. KCC and SQCC will rotate applying for the two-year grant to avoid splitting the funding each cycle.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve the resolution for the 2024 Montana Indian Language Program grant. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-028

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

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes passed the resolution establishing the Heritage Language Policy, which recognized the vital importance of the preservation and revitalization of the Salish and Kootenai languages for the survival of our cultures and well-being as a people; and

WHEREAS, the CSKT Heritage Language Policy designated the Séliš-Qlispé and Kootenai Culture Committees as having the responsibility “to guide, monitor, and coordinate language efforts with oversight authority to ensure all language efforts and projects developed by departments and programs are consistent with the goals of the strategic language goals and plans;” and

WHEREAS, the Séliš-Qlispé and Kootenai Culture Committees were established by CSKT to preserve, protect and perpetuate our cultures, histories and languages; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Séliš-Qlispé and Kootenai Culture Committees include working to ensure the survival of the Salish and Kootenai languages for future generations, including teaching, recording, and developing materials and resources in various formats in our languages; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Montana Indian Language Program was officially signed into law, making grant funds available to Tribal Governments located in Montana committed to protecting, perpetuating and the preservation of their languages, and moved under OPI oversight in 2023 with specific goals, requirements and stipulations; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Séliš-Qlispé Culture Committee has developed a proposal which meets the requirements of the act, and is in accordance with the

responsibility of the SQCC under the Heritage Language Policy to carry out the critically needed work for the continuance of our endangered languages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby approves and supports the submission of the grant application of the Sélis̓-Qlispé Culture Committee to the Montana Indian Language Program.

Sadie Peone-Stops invited the council members to attend the Elders meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Whisper Camel-Means, Natural Resources Department, gave an overview of proposed changes to the 44-D Tribal Member Regulations and requested approval for the regulations to be put out for a 30-day public comment period. The Legal Department has been helpful with the Tribal Administrative Procedures Ordinance updates, which will be the rulemaking process for the regulations. The businesses that have declined selling tribal permits have been removed from the list of vendors. The permits are still being sold at the Natural Resources Department office and Walmart. There may be a capacity issue that prevents the Bison Range from selling permits. Permits can be purchased online. **Len TwoTeeth** wondered if an app should be developed to sell permits on a cell phone. Whisper will find out if people can purchase the permits on their cell phone and she will speak to the State to see where they are at with this type of app. **Tom McDonald** talked about how beneficial it was for the program to join the automatic licensing with the State. **Martin Charlo** asked if permits could be purchased from the tribal website. **James Steele, Jr.** asked if the permits could be purchased from a mobile device. Whisper discussed that option with Gecko and was told the program would need to set up a Venmo account and that the program could not directly sell things on the website. **Len TwoTeeth** asked if the program tracks the permit violations and court process. Fish & Game used to provide quarterly reports on citations, and he would like to start receiving those reports again. Whisper advised the Game Wardens follow up on citations. She will coordinate with Chief McClure regarding the quarterly reports. **Martin Charlo** would like the Tribal Lands Ordinance to get finalized.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the 44-D Tribal Member Regulations to go out for a 30-day public comment period. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

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

Dan Decker, John Harrison, Katie Jones, Zach Zipfel, Lynsey Gaudioso, Brian Upton, and Chelsea Colwyn, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Attorney Associate Justice of the Appellate Court vacancy. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Danny Tenenbaum to fill the Attorney Associate Justice of the Appellate Court position for a three-year term. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Len TwoTeeth).

Lisa Shourds, Administrative Services Director, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a departmental matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Ronnie Jo Horse and **Alyssa LaTray**, Western Native Voice, gave an update on the voter registration system and form. The old registration system used to use descriptive addresses but the new system will no longer accept descriptive addresses but will accept 911 addresses. Western Native Voice requested that the phone number on the form be changed from “optional” to “recommended” and the physical address to list out what addresses are acceptable. Western Native Voice will be holding an event in Bozeman February 26-27 and has funding for up to 5 members from the Tribes to attend. **James Steele, Jr.** would like to attend the event.

Council reviewed boards and committees.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution the appointment of Jennifer Finley as Delegate and Tom McDonald as Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-029

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wishes to become a Member Tribe in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians; and

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes meets all requirements for Tribal Membership pursuant to Article II, Section I, b of the Constitution of the National Congress of American Indians; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council, which is the official governing body of the above named Tribe, hereby authorizes Chairman, Michael Dolson, who is the principal official of the Tribe, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in NCAI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on membership of 7,860 persons, as verified by the records of the Flathead Agency the Tribe shall have 170 votes in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the NCAI Constitution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the NCAI Constitution, the Tribe designates Councilwoman Jennifer Finley as Delegate and Councilman Tom McDonald as Alternate Delegate and instructs them to become individual members in good standing in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution the appointment of Michael Dolson as the Delegate and James Steele, Jr. and Ruth Swaney as Alternate Delegates to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee. Seconded by Tom McDonald. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-030

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of TSGAC; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Chairman Michael Dolson as the official delegate and Councilman James Steele, Jr. and Ruth Swaney, Budget Director, as the official alternates to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the TSGAC.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution the appointment of James “Bing” Matt as Delegate and Alfred “Jim” Malatare and Martin Charlo as Alternate Delegates to the National Indian Gaming Association. Seconded by Danielle Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-031

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION

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

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wishes to become a member tribe in good standing of the National Indian Gaming Association; and

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes meets all requirements for Tribal membership to the National Indian Gaming Association; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council, which is the official governing body of the above named Tribe, hereby authorizes Tom McDonald, Chairman, who is the principal official of the Tribe to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in NIGA; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribe designates James “Bing” Matt as Delegate and Councilmen Alfred “Jim” Malatare and Martin Charlo as Alternate and instructs them to become an individual member in good standing in order to fulfill his responsibilities as official Delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the appointment of James “Bing” Matt as the Delegate and Martin Charlo and Tom McDonald as the Alternate Delegates to the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-032

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing with Native American Fish and Wildlife Society NAFWS; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of NAFWS; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilman James “Bing” Matt as the official delegate and Councilmen Martin Charlo and Tom McDonald as the official alternates to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of NAFWS.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution the appointment of James “Bing” Matt as the Delegate and Martin Charlo as the Alternate Delegate to the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-033

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing with Native American Fish and Wildlife Society NAFWS; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of NAFWS; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilman James “Bing” Matt as the official delegate and Councilman Martin Charlo as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of NAFWS.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the appointment of Leonard TwoTeeth as Delegate and Carole Lankford and Alfred

“Jim” Malatare as Alternate Delegates to the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council. Seconded by James Steele, Jr. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-034

RESOLUTION ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL (RMTLC) APPOINTMENT

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

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC) is dedicated to improving health, economic development and education for Tribes and their members through a variety of programs, policy recommendations, and Tribal Leader meetings. RMTLC also endeavors to coordinate advocacy and promote the similar interests of member Tribes through various collaborative initiatives and projects.

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes place a high value on the Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the RMTLC Board shall be composed of the representatives, elected or designated by the tribal councils of each of the reservations in, Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint Councilman Leonard TwoTeeth as delegate and to appoint Councilwoman Carole Lankford and Alfred “Jim” Malatare as alternates.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the nomination of Michael Dolson as Delegate and Tom McDonald as Alternate Delegate to the Executive Council of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-035

RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS (ATNI)

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member in good standing in the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes meet all requirements for Tribal membership pursuant to Article II, Section B of the Constitution of the ATNI; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that Michael Dolson, Chairman, who is the principal official of the Tribes, is authorized to take the necessary action to place the Tribes in membership in ATNI and based on the Tribal membership of 7,860 persons, as verified by the records of the Flathead Agency, the Tribes shall have the appropriate number of votes in accordance with Article II, Section A of the ATNI Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the ATNI Constitution, the Tribes designate Chairman Michael Dolson as Delegate and Vice-Chair Tom McDonald as Alternate Delegate to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the appointment of Michael Dolson as Delegate and Carole Lankford as Alternate Delegate to the Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-036

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of the IAC; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Chairman Michael Dolson as the official delegate and Councilwoman Carole Lankford as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the IAC.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the appointment of James “Bing” Matt as Delegate and Carole Lankford, Tony Incashola, Jr., and Steve McDonald as Alternate Delegates to the Inter-Tribal Timber Council. Seconded by Danielle Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-037

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) was established in 1976 and is a non-profit nation-wide consortium of Indian tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and individuals dedicated to improving the management of natural resources of importance to Native American Communities; and

WHEREAS, the ITC works cooperatively with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Private industry and academia to explore issues and identify practical strategies and initiatives to promote social, economic and ecological values while protecting and utilizes forests, soil, water, and wildlife. Over 60 tribes and Alaska Native corporations currently belong to the Inter-Tribal Timber Council; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead reservation promote sound, economic management of Indian Forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint Councilman James “Bing” Matt as delegate and to appoint Councilwoman Carole Lankford, Tony Incashola Jr., and Steve McDonald as alternates.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the appointment of Carole Lankford as Delegate and James Steele, Jr. as Alternate Delegate to the AMERIND Cell and AMERIND. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-038

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO AMERIND CELL AND AMERIND

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing with AMERIND Cell and AMERIND; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of the AMERIND Cell and AMERIND; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilwoman Carole Lankford as the official delegate and Councilman James Steele, Jr. as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of AMERIND Cell and AMERIND.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the appointment of James “Bing” Matt as Delegate and Len TwoTeeth and Alfred “Jim” Malatare as Alternate Delegates to the Inter-Tribal Bison Council. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-039

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTER-TRIBAL BISON COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the Inter-Tribal Bison Council (ITBC); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of the ITBC and the ITBC’s Articles of Incorporation; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilman James “Bing” Matt as the official delegate and Councilmen Len TwoTeeth and Alfred “Jim” Malatare as the official alternates to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the ITBC.

MOTION by Tom McDonald to approve by resolution the appointment of Michael Dolson as Delegate and Jennifer Finley and Michelle Mitchell as Alternate Delegates to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-040

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION

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

WHEREAS, the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) has been established by the Board of Public Education and the Office of Public

Instruction to act in an advisory role to them in matters affecting the education of students in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes place a high value on education of the Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, under the Bylaws of MACIE, Article I, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are entitled to representation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint Tribal Chairman Michael Dolson as delegate and Tribal Councilwoman Jennifer Finley and Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Director, as alternates.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution the appointment of Michael Dolson as Delegate and Jennifer Finley as Alternate Delegate to the National Indian Education Association. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 24-041

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the National Indian Education Association (NIEA); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of NIEA; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Chairman Michael Dolson as the official delegate and Councilwoman Jennifer Finley as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the NIEA.

Chairman Dolson informed council of an annual enrollment conference March 17-21 in Hawaii. **Carole Lankford** would like council to be up to speed on enrollment and provide education to the membership.

Bing Matt discussed 3 letters to Deb Haaland requesting renewal of grant funding for fire workers. They want to get it going again. Bing requested approval of the support letter to Secretary Haaland.

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Tom McDonald thinks it would be timely to set up a subcommittee and do more research on enrollment.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 2:24 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary