

**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: September 26, 2023  
Approved: October 3, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Martin Charlo, Secretary; Ellie Bundy, Treasurer; Mike Dolson; Carole Lankford; Jim Malatare; James “Bing” Matt; and Terry Pitts.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom McDonald, Chairman (Attending the UCUT Conference on Transboundary Mining – Canada); and Jennifer Finley (Attending the UCUT Conference on Transboundary Mining – Canada).

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:16 a.m. Quorum established. **Terry Pitts** will join the meeting later this morning. **Ellie Bundy** is giving a presentation at the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Emerging Trends Conference in Bozeman and will participate in the meeting when possible.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Len TwoTeeth.

**Terry Pitts** joined the meeting.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for September 19, 2023 were presented for approval.

**Martin Charlo** attended the Montana Environmental Information Center event that took place in Victor. It was a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event and he gave the welcoming remarks and a brief history of the Bitterroot and Salish and that area. Some achievement awards were presented. It was well attended and well received. Thompson Smith and Sadie Stops gave presentations, tours of important cultural sites, and the history of the area. It is a good organization that we are allies with.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023, with corrections. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 5 for; 2 abstentions (Bing Matt and Terry Pitts); 1 not voting (Ellie Bundy out of the room).

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2023

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for September 21, 2023 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2023, with corrections. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Ellie Bundy out of the room).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Ellie Bundy out of the room).

**Lisa Shourds**, Administrative Services; **John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance; and **Dan Durglo**, S&K Mission Management, LLC; requested approval of SKMM Proposal 26A in the amount of \$81,531.00 to install bulletproof windows in the Natural Resources Department building located in Polson. There will also be an option to make payments without clients having to enter the building. The proposal was submitted to Contracts & Grants. **Carole Lankford** would like the health issues addressed. **John Neiss** had it tested for mold and lead paint over the years. 6 years ago it was cleaned due to the floods and it has been kept dry since then. The last time it was tested there was more mold on the outside than the inside, and the report from the professionals said it is not a health risk. John sent the report to the Tribal Chairman. The Maintenance staff has done everything they can by conducting tests and keeping it clean. **Len TwoTeeth** asked how many people the building houses. Lisa was not sure and would need to ask the department head, but it is believed to have 26 employees housed there. The building was originally a bank and is not set up to house 25+ staff members. Len stated the Tribes were planning to build a facility for the Natural Resources Department and Tribal Forestry, but it never happened. This building was supposed to be a temporary location for the department. The issues need to be addressed. The HVAC will be replaced in November. **Martin Charlo** commented we have other departments that have public-facing offices and he would like to ensure the safety of those, as well.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve SKMM Proposal 26A to install bulletproof windows in the Natural Resources Department building located in Polson. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Ellie Bundy out of the room).

**Lisa Shourds** informed council that they could start doing Plan B if the Tribal Council wants to move forward on that. **Len TwoTeeth** would rather wait until we receive the proposal and have a full council present. **Martin Charlo** wants the staff to know the HVAC is coming. Lisa responded the staff is aware and they know the glass is coming, too. Len asked if they plan on doing this project on a

weekend rather than a workday. **Dan Durglo** advised SKMM schedules vendors to do their work on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, when possible. When that does not work out, then they schedule them for Thursday and Friday.

**Lynn Ducharme**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of the Reum property. The Tribal Lands Department does not have the phase one environmental survey completed yet, and closing is scheduled for Monday. Lynn asked if she should delay the closing or proceed without the survey. **Council** told her to proceed as planned.

**MOTION** by Mike Dolson to approve by resolution the purchase of the Reum property. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 6 for; 1 opposed (Terry Pitts – would like to get an extension until the report is received); 1 not voting (Ellie Bundy out of the room).

### **RESOLUTION 23-161**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FEE LAND LOCATED IN LAKE COUNTY, MONTANA**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES (“TRIBES”) THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is authorized, by Section 1(f), Article VI of the Tribal Constitution, to purchase land or any interest therein;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Land Acquisition Program was authorized by the Act of July 18, 1968 (Public Law 90-402);

**WHEREAS**, Estate of Norman Reum has offered to sell all of its right, title, and interest in its property situated in Lake County, MT, more particularly describes as follows:

A tract of land located in the S1/2SE1/4 of Section 8 and the NE1/4 of Section 17, both in Township 19 North, Range 19 West, P.M.M., Lake County, Montana, further shown and described as being Tract 2 on Certificate of Survey No. 5908, on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Lake County, Montana.

**WHEREAS**, the Estate of Norman Reum, and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have accepted the negotiated value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has agreed to purchase the above-described real property, at a negotiated price determined in accordance with federal law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the above-described real property be purchased from the Estate of Norman Reum and that the Tribal Lands Department is authorized to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs an application for the Interior Secretary to take title to the above-described real property in the name of the United States in trust for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, pursuant to the Act of July 18, 1968, Public Law 90-402 (82 Stat. 356); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or his delegated representative, is authorized to execute the transactional documents necessary to complete the above-described land conveyances for the Real Property situated in Lake County, Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

**Whisper Camel-Means** and **Cecille Brown**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of the 2024-2025 Nonmember Recreation Regulations. The final regulations will be sent to the State of Montana to route to the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission. There was a clerical correction on the conservation permit section of the regulations. If they are permanently or substantially disabled they could come to the office for that and Chairman McDonald did not know where that language came from. Now that the permits are \$100, a \$17 permit is not what they want to offer. Conservation permits are sold at Westland Seed; they are not sold anywhere in St. Ignatius; the Cornerstone Convenience Store in Hot Springs no longer sells permit; and the staff spoke to Pauly Dupuis about selling permits at the Blue Bay Trading Post. Cecille will look at the list and make sure it is current and check with some businesses to see if they would be willing to sell permits. People can purchase the permits online, as well. Zimmerman Tackle only sells fishing licenses, but Cecille will make sure that is accurate. **Len TwoTeeth** asked about working with Quicksilver. Whisper spoke to Quicksilver and their staff is too busy to take time to issue permits so Corky Sias declined to do so. The Game Wardens sell permits to people they encounter on the reservation. Many times, it is a way to get individuals to comply rather than receiving a citation/fine. **Mike Dolson** asked about the Lone Pine Store. Len suggested approaching S&K Gaming to sell permits from their properties. **Martin Charlo** suggested checking with Three Chiefs. Whisper will follow up on the suggestions. Len asked if the regulations were presented to the Elders Committees. Whisper responded they were sent to both committees.

**MOTION** by Mike Dolson to approve the 2024-2025 Nonmember Recreation Regulations. Seconded by Terry Pitts. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Ellie Bundy out of the room).

**Tony Incashola, Jr.**, Tribal Resources Management; **Stephen McDonald**, Tribal Forestry; and **Melissa Schlichting**, Legal Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss departmental matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Greg Spahr**, Financial Management, requested approval of a memorandum of agreement for a subrecipient agreement with the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority to institute a cooperative financial relationship between the CSKT and SKHA for funding and coordination of efforts to administer and operate the Environmental Health and Sanitation Construction program on the Flathead Reservation. **Len TwoTeeth** questioned Article IV which states the funding will be for 1988-1994 for the project period was 1995 and he asked if that was an error. **No action taken**. **Greg Spahr** will need to follow up, so he withdrew his request today.

**Greg Spahr**, Financial Management, met with council in **executive session** to discuss a departmental matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

**Dan Decker, Melissa Schlichting, John Harrison, Brian Upton, and Chelsea Colwyn**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Council **adjourned** at 12:02 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES**

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Martin A. Charlo  
Tribal Council Secretary