

**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: August 11, 2022  
Approved: August 30, 2022

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman (Personal Time Off); and Anita Matt (Personal Time Off).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; and James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:02 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Chairman McDonald.

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Mike Dolson to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Ellie Bundy. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Chairman McDonald** asked which council members would be attending the Electrify the Big Sky Workshop on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Jennifer will register interested council members.

**Jim Malatare** requested an update regarding the landfill sites when Rick Eneas presents later on the agenda.

**Tara Irvine** and **Mark Couture**, Lands Department, discussed a request for Fire & Ice Productions (Yellowstone series) to use the area behind the Gray Wolf Peak Casino for staging. They would have a tent for camping and food stations; they would mow and clear any debris. They would also like to utilize some areas in Arlee, such as the Arlee Pow Wow grounds and a designated landing zone to land helicopters. They will offer homeowners \$250 for the road closure for a couple hours. It was the **consensus** of council to authorize the Tribal Lands Department to negotiate with Fire & Ice Productions for an amount for utilizing tribal lands.

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**Melissa Schlichting**, Legal Department, provided an update on the Gas Tax Public meeting that was set for August 24, 2022. The Montana Department of Transportation missed the deadline for getting that published and requested to reschedule it for Friday, September 2, 2022. **Council** approved for it to be held on Friday.

**James Taylor**, Tribal Prosecutor's Office; and **Craig Couture**, Law and Order; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to provide an update.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Lynn Ducharme** and **Kari Kingery**, Natural Resources Department; and **Eric Greenwall**, Five Valleys Land Trust; requested a letter of support for a conservation easement with Five Valleys Land on a 90-acre parcel located in Evaro. Perpetual protection of natural resources and habitat connectivity follows the management goals of the CSKT NRD.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve a letter of support for the conservation easement with Five Valleys Land Trust for this Conservation Easement project. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Kari Kingery** and **Art Soukala**, Natural Resource Department, drew names for the Ferry Basin Elk and Little Money (Camas) Bighorn Sheep permits.

**Virgil Dupuis** and **Rene Dubay**, Salish Kootenai College, gave an update and requested approval of the SKC Extension five-year plan and application for funding and SKC Extension Special Emphasis Extension Project application for funding. SKC Extension has been providing extension education, research, and providing graduates and undergraduate and graduate students with work experience.

**MOTION** by Jennifer Finley to approve with modifications the extension 5-year plan for funding. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Jennifer Finley to approve the SKC Extension Special support letter for the Emphasis project. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

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

**Rick Eneas** and **Shane Morigeau**, Tribal Executive Office; **Patricia Hibbeler**, Tribal Services Department; **Michael Wheeler**, Legal Department; and **Rich Janssen**, Natural Resources Department; gave an update on the landfill issue

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with the County and a public meeting for feedback and explanation for a work plan. There was discussion on the payment for elders and low-income families. There will be some public comment sessions for the Jocko and Charlo dumpsites. **Rich Janssen** stated they are looking at extending the hours and having a public meeting for the community. The commissioners make the final decision. Rich will attend the community meetings. **Chairman McDonald** discussed the possibility of contracting directly with Republic to have a dumping site for the tribal membership. **Rick Eneas** advised the team is working on a feasibility analysis. The mechanisms work out that we have to take it to Missoula, whether it's ours or someone else's. The transportation costs add up. They are also looking into the possibility of having a tribal landfill. **Bing Matt** talked about the burden to tribal members having to pay \$180 to dump their trash.

**Rick Eneas**, Tribal Executive Officer; and **Patricia Hibbler**, Tribal Member Services Director; gave an update on a request from the Region 8 Director with the Federal Health and Human Services, Lily Griego. Ms. Griego will be in Missoula on Monday, August 15, and requested to meet with the Tribal Council in the afternoon between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Patti asked about the council's availability and willingness to meet with the Director face to face. If that does not work out, a Zoom meeting can be scheduled for a later date. The purpose of the meeting is for the director to hear the Tribal Council's top concerns. Patti will coordinate the meeting. An agenda will be developed and the council members will be briefed on issues prior to the meeting. **Council** showed interest in the meeting and they will be available.

**Rick Eneas** and **Shane Morigeau**, Tribal Executive Office, requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Ellie Bundy to accept the results of the ballot and appoint James Taylor as Attorney Associate Justice for the Appellate Court for a three-year term. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Martin Charlo** announced the grand opening of the Gray Wolf Casino Sports Bar will be tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Council **adjourned** at 1:45 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo  
Tribal Council Secretary