

**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 16, 2022
Approved: June 21, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McDonald, Chairman; Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Ellie Bundy McLeod, Treasurer; Carole Lankford; James “Bing” Matt; Jim Malatare; Jennifer Finley; Mike Dolson; and Anita Matt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Charlo, Secretary (National Congress of American Indians Conference – Anchorage, Alaska).

OTHERS PRESENT: Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary; and James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:02 a.m. Quorum established. **Chairman McDonald** is providing welcoming remarks at Salish Kootenai College and will join the meeting later.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Jim Malatare.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for June 14, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Council discussed upcoming meetings. **Mike Dolson** informed council of some follow-up items the Chairman had. There is a meeting with the Humane Society on June 29 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss a dog ordinance. Bryan Mercier wants to reschedule the all-staff and Irrigation meeting to July 13. There is a proposed fieldtrip to The Nature Conservancy and Blackfoot lands on either June 29 or July 6. The Tribal Chairman is not available either day. **Council** scheduled the fieldtrip for July 6. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has invited the CSKT to

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participate in the Lost Trail Conservation Area establishment event that is scheduled for some time in August.

Carole Lankford attended the Flathead Biological Station meeting yesterday regarding aquatic invasive species. There was discussion about the Tabor Reservoir being delisted since there has been no detection in the last five years. Canyon Ferry was also delisted. Now that they have had no detection for five years the group is worried about the legislature pulling back funding. We need to push for more funding. We will most likely have a detection at some point and need to be prepared for a rapid response. The Natural Resources Department needs to stay abreast of this issue. Carole suggested meeting with the Legal Department to make sure this is a legislative priority. There was detection of feral swine coming out of Canada and was detected in the Sweet Grass Hills. An aerial flight was done and they did not see any of them, but the earth was moved in that area. This is in aboriginal territory and needs to be followed up on. There was a presentation on mitigation of mussels in hydro electrical facilities. That presenter should be invited to meet with the council on methods that can be used and what has been successful. The other thing she heard was that the ag people in Eastern Montana have been highly visible. Western Montana did not talk about agriculture until Carole brought up the need to have the agriculture industry at the table. There could be major problems if mussels get in the irrigation equipment. **Len TwoTeeth** commented that we are at high risk. There are many out-of-state tourists coming here with paddle boards. They should stop at the AIS check stations, but he does not know if they are required to. It will have big impacts if that ever occurs on our irrigation equipment. Len does not want to see us sit idle waiting for funding to address mussels. We need to have the financial team look at having tribal dollars set aside in case we need to act fast. Carole thinks our AIS program has funding available, but it is important to have the necessary funding available. Tom Wolfe talked about other invasive plants, bull frogs, and snapping turtles. He wants to meet with the council to provide a presentation on ideas of what works and what doesn't, and he could assist tribal staff. She suggested inviting the Forestry, Lands, and Natural Resources Department staff to that meeting. We could also have the lady from Denver do a presentation on hydroelectric facilities. Carole will facilitate that. She forwarded the contact information to Brian Lipscomb.

Council met in **executive session**.

Chairman McDonald joined the meeting.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Germaine White, Tribal Member; and **Kelsey Stamm Jimenez**, University of Montana Mansfield Center International Programs Director; informed council that the Mansfield Center at the University of Montana is hosting a group of

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Young South East Asian Leaders Initiative Professional Fellows from 11 different countries for a professional fellowship exchange. One of the fellows is from the Philippines and two are from Vietnam. They will spend two to four weeks working with the Legal Department, Wildlife Program, and Arlee CDC. **Council** welcomed the fellows and wished them well.

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

David Spear, Two Eagle River School, introduced Lori Novack, from New York. Lori works with David's Nonprofit. The school will be taking some students to a photography class in New York.

Brian Upton, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a legal matter. **Gwen Lankford** was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Brian Upton, **Shane Morigeau** and **Gwen Lankford**, Bison Range Celebration Committee, followed up on the Bison Range celebration, discussed options for recognizing key supporters with gifts and thank-you notes, and provided a list of the media coverage. **Chairman McDonald** mentioned Chaney Bell has some artwork. Tom suggested assessing for the future. He wants to see what we have in our inventory and think about how we can get ahead of this and have gifts available for honoring individuals. Council watched the highlight reel of the video that was taken of the celebration. It was the **consensus** of council to make the video available.

Tracie McDonald, Salish Kootenai College, gave an overview of the TRIO summer mentoring program. A group of college students are visiting CSKT and touring the facilities. The students introduced themselves and gave an overview of their background and education.

Jean Matt, Mission Valley Power, requested approval a resolution updating the authorized signatures on the Mission Valley Power Depository Checking Account at Eagle Bank for Mission Valley Power P.L. 93-638 Contract.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve by resolution the authorized signatures on the Mission Valley Power Depository Checking Account at Eagle Bank for Mission Valley Power P.L. 93-638 Contract. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 22-109

RESOLUTION CHANGING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON MISSION VALLEY POWER DEPOSITORY CHECKING ACCOUNT AT EAGLE BANK FOR MISSION VALLEY POWER P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes have entered into a contract with the Department of Interior to manage the power portion of the Flathead Power and Irrigation Project to be hereafter referred to as Mission Valley Power; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tribal Council that this contract be set up in such a way as to operate as a separate entity with its own set of books of record and operating processes; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council Resolution 07-211 established a commercial money market account at Eagle Bank to be used by the program in its day-to-day operations; and

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>
Checking Account	5000500

WHEREAS, Mission Valley Power desires to change the authorized signatures on said accounts, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all checks drawn on said account require two (2) signatures from the date of the approval of this resolution.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Jean Matt	General Manager, MVP
Jeanne West	Support Services Manager, MVP
Craig Morigeau	Superintendent of Operations And Construction, MVP
Dalene Gardipe	Customer Services Manager, MVP

whose signatures shall be duly certified to said Bank and that no checks against said accounts shall be valid unless so signed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that said bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks whether such checks be payable to the order of any such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, or to the individual credit or any of the other officers or not. This resolution shall continue forth in the Certification of the Director of Financial Management, accompanying a copy

of this resolution when delivered to said bank or in any similar subsequent Certificate until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said bank.

Jean Matt, Mission Valley Power, requested approval a resolution changing authorized signatures on Mission Valley Power On-Line Payment Sweep Account at Eagle Bank for Mission Valley Power P.L. 93-638 Contract.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve by resolution the authorized signatures on Mission Valley Power On-Line Payment Sweep Account at Eagle Bank for Mission Valley Power P.L. 93-638 Contract. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 22-110

RESOLUTION CHANGING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON MISSION VALLEY POWER ON-LINE PAYMENT SWEEP ACCOUNT AT EAGLE BANK FOR MISSION VALLEY POWER P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT

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

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tribal Council that this contract be set up in such a way as to operate as a separate entity with its own set of books of record and operating processes; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council Resolution 14-210 established a commercial money market account at Eagle Bank to be used by the program in its day-to-day operations, and

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>
On-Line payment sweep account	5000435

WHEREAS, Mission Valley Power desires to change the authorized signatures on said accounts, **NOW THEREFORE**,

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Jean Matt, Mission Valley Power, requested approval of a resolution changing the authorized signatures on the Mission Valley Power Commercial Money Market Account at Eagle Bank for Mission Valley Power P.L. 93-638 Contract.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve by resolution the authorized signatures on Mission Valley Power Commercial Money Market Account at Eagle Bank for Mission Valley Power P.L. 93-638 Contract. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 22-111

RESOLUTION CHANGING AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON MISSION VALLEY POWER COMMERCIAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT AT EAGLE BANK FOR MISSION VALLEY POWER P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT

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

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WHEREAS, Tribal Council Resolution 07-212 established a commercial money market account at Eagle Bank to be used by the program in its day-to-day operations; and

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>
Commercial Money Market Account	6000228

WHEREAS, Mission Valley Power desires to change the authorized signatures on said accounts, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all checks drawn on said account require two (2) signatures from the date of the approval of this resolution.

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Gregory Spahr	Director of Financial Management, CSKT

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Jean Matt, Mission Valley Power, met with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Jason Burrough, New Life Church; and **Patricia Hibbeler**, Tribal Member Services; discussed the annual Day of Hope scheduled for August 10, 2022 in downtown Polson. The New Life Church is partnering with Convoy of Hope to do a massive food and goods distribution for the valley; and partnering with local nonprofits and health services to provide free screenings, health checks, etc. for the children of the valley. The Kids Back to School Health Fair will be held August 20, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Carole Lankford** suggested the Church reach out to some tribal programs. **Patricia Hibbeler** will follow up and get Mr. Burrough in contact with tribal departments.

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Tribal Credit Committee vacancy. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Bing Matt to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Daniel Tromp to the Tribal Credit Committee for a three-year term. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Council **adjourned** at 11:59 a.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary