

**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: October 27, 2022
Approved: November 3, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Charlo, Secretary.

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:05 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Mike Dolson.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for October 25, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Jennifer Finley).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Terry Pitts to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Cheryl Finley and **Craig Adams**, Bureau of Indian Affairs, informed council that Mr. Adams is serving as the Acting Superintendent until January 13, 2023. He provided information on his background and experience. There are some candidates that will be interviewed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Adams will be requesting the Region to recognize Cheryl for her hard work and the extra effort she has taken to keep the office going during the transition. **Chairman McDonald** mentioned the Superintendent acts as an ex officio member of the Unitary Water Management Board and asked Craig to participate in those meetings when possible.

Chairman McDonald informed council he received information regarding the dog ordinance from Stu Levit. **Council** would like to request further information from the Humane Society, including the financials.

Council met in **executive session**. **Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Mike Dolson thought the crew did a great job at the Fire Control appreciation event yesterday.

Chairman McDonald talked about yesterday's call with the Bonneville Power Administration Administrator. The BPA team will review our request for aid and assistance. **Len TwoTeeth** thought the meeting went well. He would like to do a thank-you letter and request the time frames for them to make a determination on our request. **Chairman McDonald** advised the BPA contract contains the time frames in it.

Rob McDonald, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to enter into a contract with Daniel Glick to make a film to tell the story on the pillar of the water compact, water measurement program, the science that made the agreement possible, and the tool that will show how each fix brings more captured water to CSKT's habitat and fisheries like the bull trout. There was discussion on the need to educate the public on this important and complicated topic.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the contract with Daniel Glick to make a film on the water compact. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Germaine White, Doug Mitchell, Grace Kinsler, and Lacy Kowalski, Glacier National Park Conservancy; **Rick Bennet**, Glacier National Park Conservancy Board Chairman; and **Margaret Notley**, Glacier National Park Conservancy Board Chair-Elect; met with council to plan the Spring 2023 GNPC meeting to take place in Pablo. The GNPC wants tribal participation in the cultural connectivity. The GNPC challenged the park to think differently by listening to our neighbors, such as tribal language and names, and bring that into the park. They began a journey to return the native language and names to Glacier National Park. The board meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 25-26, 2023. The Blackfoot Tribe hosted the meeting and fieldtrip in May 2022. Issues of importance to the Blackfoot Tribe were the return of bison to the park, the return of native cut throat trout, employment opportunities, native language and place names, and aquatic invasive species. The Park supports the initiative to return

the bison to the park. It was the **consensus** of council to host the Glacier National Park Conservancy board meeting May 25-26, 2023.

Michael Larson, Polson City Judge, informed council he is a Lake County Justice of the Peace Candidate, and he requested a permit to park his campaign bus at the Tribal Senior Center in St. Ignatius for two or three days until Election Day on November 8, 2022. Judge Larson would park the bus there in the morning and remove it in the afternoon.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to authorize Michael Larson to park his portable sign at the Tribal Senior Center in St. Ignatius. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Joe Durglo, Tribal Health Department, requested authorization to purchase capital equipment for the Ronan Clinic, consisting of a sterile compound hood, non-sterile hazardous compounding hood, 3 medical-grade infusion chairs, 2 pharmaceutical-grade refrigerators, a vial filling robot, a controlled substance secure storage robot, and an EKG machine. Some of the purchases would be noncompetitive. Due to supply chain issues, some vendors did not respond. The capital equipment will be purchased from Indian Health Service funding.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to authorize the purchase of capital equipment for the Ronan Health Clinic. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

John Neiss, Facilities Maintenance, requested approval of a contract with Big Joe's Construction in the amount of \$290,564.03 for the remodel of the old warehouse at KHJCC.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the contract with Big Joe's Construction in the amount of \$290,564.03 for the remodel of the old warehouse at KHJCC. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

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

Rich Janssen, Frank Acevedo, James Westerman, Willie Burke, Craig Pablo, Willie Keenan, and Nicole Pablo, Natural Resources Department; and **James Steele, Sr., Brad Trospen and Patrick Yawakie**, Shoreline Protection Board of Directors; gave an overview of the Shoreline Protection Office history and enforcement projects. There are approximately 980 miles of rivers and streams, 90 lakes, and extensive wetlands within the reservation. The Flathead Reservation consists of 76,843.12 acres of water. Flathead Lake covers approximately 123,000 acres with 62,000 acres located within the reservation boundary. Frank gave an overview of the Namen case. The Tribes enacted the Shoreline Protection Ordinance 64A in June 1977 to regulate riparian structures

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along the south half of Flathead Lake. In January 1982 the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals determined that the CSKT had the authority to apply Ordinance 64A regulating riparian rights of nonmembers owning land within the Flathead Reservation. The Shoreline Protection Office was established in March 1983. The Aquatic Lands Conservation Ordinance 87A was approved by the Secretary of the Interior in March 1987 as a valid exercise of Tribal civil regulatory authority jurisdiction over all other natural water courses and wetlands on the reservation not including the south half of Flathead Lake. The discussion continued in **executive session**. **Chelsea Colwyn**, Legal Department, joined the discussion.

Ellie Bundy left the meeting for the remainder of the day.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Mike Dolson out of the room participating in a conference call.

Monica Tranel, Congressional Candidate, met with council for a meet and greet and asked the council about any important topics to the Tribes. There was discussion on the Water Management Board, State Water Compact contribution to settlement and State land exchanges authorized by the Montana Water Rights Protection Act. Monica participated in a debate and there were a lot of fears and misunderstandings about the water compact from non-irrigators. She would like to have an open line of communication and do the work that is needed together. Monica will be hosting a meet and greet at SKC this evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mike Dolson returned to the meeting.

Mike Dolson asked Monica if she follows the issue of nontribal members wanting to hunt big game on fee land on the reservation. Monica was not aware of this issue, but she was willing to work with the Tribes to address it properly. **Chairman McDonald** explained big game hunting is excluded by state statutes. When folks have wildlife depredation problems, those landowners want to shoot the animals on their fee property. That is against state statutes and is an infringement of our treaty rights.

Council **adjourned** at 1:53 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary