

**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: February 2, 2023
Approved: February 7, 2023

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

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 9:03 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Jennifer Finley.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for January 31, 2023 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2023, with corrections. Seconded by Ellie Bundy. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Marie Torosian and **Geraldine Hewankorn**, Three Chiefs Culture Center, informed council of a situation regarding the curation rooms at KHJCC. It has been their plan to have those rooms renovated to bring the collections home. The collections are currently placed in storage at Ninepipes. As the artifacts are cleaned they are returned to the Tribes. There is a one-year agreement with the Historical Society to lend space to bring all the items home. The staff hoped the two rooms offered at KHJCC would be brought up to par. They wanted to move in there in March. The staff got an update to their collections policy. The two rooms at KHJCC are not suitable for the collections. There is a water leak in one of the rooms and the curation rooms have issues. Property & Supply had three electrical fires in the last month. The staff cannot bring the collections home to

that condition and Marie does not know what to do. She was told they would be moved to the bank building in Pablo. That building has no room for a museum and they would be located in the basement. She has not heard any plans on rebuilding Three Chiefs. Marie had requested a meeting with the executive team but received no response. It has been nearly three years since the fire occurred. The current lease will expire in May and Marie was removed from those negotiations. **John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance, stated the KHJCC is an old building. The staff made long- and short-term recommendations. One recommendation was to do the roof and HVAC, and those have not been done yet. John spoke to the consultant Nancy Fonicello, and she thought the rooms would work. There is no flooding in the building. There was a leak from a sink and that was taken care of. Maintenance had a task order that kept changing so John went to Nancy about what was needed for a curation room. The electrical fires in the other parts of the building were taken care of by an electrician. **Martin Charlo** recommended using the entire bank building for Three Chiefs. **Lisa Shourds** stated Tribal Credit was going to move into the building and there would be other departments assigned to work there that accept payments. It would be a pilot program for having a one-stop shop for people to make payments to the CSKT. **Jennifer Finley** commented on the need to have a cultural center on the north end of the reservation and she suggested moving the gift shop to the Kwataqnuq Resort. **Chairman McDonald** would like to have a planning session with the Director of Administrative Services. We need to take care of our artifacts and have a permanent location. Tom would like to build a facility at the top of Ravalli Hill. Chairman McDonald requested Lisa Shourds set up a planning session as soon as possible.

Council reviewed a resolution approving the April 5, 2023 per capita distribution. The April 5, 2023 per capita distribution will be made to those members enrolled in the Tribes as of March 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., the deadline for claims to be withheld from individuals' April 5, 2023 per capita for judgments, assignments and IIM holds through the Superintendent and Director of Financial Management shall be no later than March 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution the April 5, 2023 per capita distribution. Seconded by Jennifer Finley. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 23-051

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APRIL 5, 2023 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION

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

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council established policy by Resolution 96-83 to make per-capita payments to tribal members three times annually during the months of December, April and August for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, said policy states that three equal per capita payments of \$500.00 will be made annually and that one-half (1/2) of each per capita distribution for each minor child enrolled in the Tribes is to be issued to said minor's parent or legal guardian and the other one-half (1/2) is to be placed in a trust account with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accumulate and earn interest until said minor has reached legal age; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the Northwest Regional Director is requested to authorize the \$500.00 per capita distribution to be made during the month of April 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Financial Management is directed and authorized to request sufficient tribal monies on deposit in the United States Treasury to be advanced to local status to effect said distribution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, Flathead Agency, and the Director of Financial Management are authorized to apply these funds to judgments held by Tribal Court, to assignments through Tribal Credit, and voluntary child support and to those accounts under the control of the Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the April 5, 2023 per capita distribution will be made to those members enrolled in the Tribes as of March 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the deadline for claims to be withheld from individuals' April 5, 2023 per capita for judgments, assignments and IIM holds through the Superintendent and Director of Financial Management shall be no later than March 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

T.J. Haynes, Tribal Member; **Rich Janssen**, **Whisper Camel-Means**, **Dan McClure**, and **Todd Espinoza**, Natural Resources Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a departmental matter.

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

Teresa Wall-McDonald, **Cindy Benson**, **Gordon Fyant**, **Dan DePoe**, and **Richard Erb**, Mission Valley Power Utility Board, requested to meet with council

in **executive session**. **Dan Decker, Michael Wheeler** and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department, were present for discussion.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Greg Schatz, Smoke Elser, and **Bonnie Streeter**, Montana Conservation; and **Tim Ryan**; informed council that the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead recognize CSKT for their presence and historic use of wilderness in Montana. They requested a tribal council representative provide the blessing at the 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 15, at 8:00 a.m., in the Majestic Arena. The celebration will take place April 14-16, 2023. They extended an invitation for tribal food and art vendors to attend the celebration. Greg is the chairman of the youth program and youth committee; they showcase back country to the youth and hold summer youth camps. The group would like approval to work with Tim Ryan to help inform the public about tribal presence and seasonal use of the wilderness homelands of the CSKT and help facilitate some cultural activities. The group showed council a video. The food and art vendors would be required to pay a \$75.00 fee and donate an item for the auction. It is estimated to be 500+ people that will be attending the event. The group will be starting a Montana Matters program in the Bitterroot. Tim informed council that the group will be taking the Mission Mountain Youth Crew in the Bob Marshall in August. It was the **consensus** of council to approve the requests.

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

Velda Shelby and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office, discussed the Small Homes for Reservation Housing feasibility study and strategy analysis. The full business plan will be presented at a later date. The consultant recommended going with Foothold for the business plan for manufacturing facility. It was the **consensus** of council to go along with the recommendation of the consultant to explore further with Foothold.

Stacey Sherwin, Dr. Clay Comstock and **Niki Graham**, Salish Kootenai College Institutional Review Board, presented the annual report, as required by Ordinance 110-A. The Institutional Review Board looks forward to the CSKT implementing its own Reservation Review Board to be comprised with Tribal members and department heads. The board asked if there were any concerns about stem cell research. They would use adult stem cells surrounding the wisdom teeth and there would be no research on embryos. **Council** had no concerns.

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Dan Decker and **Melissa Schlichting**, Legal Department; **Ryan Rusche**, Sonosky Law Firm; and **Rick Eneas**, Tribal Executive Officer; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Council **adjourned** at 2:11 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary