

**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: April 28, 2022
Approved: May 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom McDonald, Chairman; Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Martin Charlo, Secretary; James “Bing” Matt; Jennifer Finley; Jim Malatare; Mike Dolson; and Anita Matt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellie Bundy McLeod, Treasurer (Missing & Unidentified Persons Conference Presentation – Las Vegas, Nevada); and Carole Lankford (Personal Time Off).

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 9:06 a.m. Quorum established.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for April 26, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Bing Matt. 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).

Anita Matt thanked Jami Pluff, Patricia Hibbeler, and Lisa Shourds for their hard work on yesterday’s employee appreciation event and everyone who did the prayers. It was a great time. She thought it was about time the Tribal Council recognized their employees, because they work hard and very seldom are they patted on the back. The comedian was good and it was so nice to laugh yesterday. **Chairman McDonald** thought it was a good event and he thanked the Directors for setting that up. It was good to include other tribal entities. It was a great

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event and he looks forward to doing the employee appreciation events in the communities.

Chairman McDonald informed council he had a request to move the Irrigation Project discussion with the FIIP staff to May 20, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. so Bryan Mercier can attend and it would not conflict with the pow wow.

Chairman McDonald informed council that Tony Brown passed away in Canada. Tony was a descendant of the Tribes and his widow is requesting assistance. **Jennifer Trahan** followed up on the request.

Chairman McDonald gave an update. Part of the initiative is removing bad names on the landscape to the southeast and west of us. There is a recipe to do that. They will be changed to indigenous names. There will be a tentative conference call with the Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee.

Martin Charlo received a phone call from a tribal member that lives in the Felsman Addition in Pablo. Her granddaughter has been twice bitten by stray dogs. The dog problems have gotten worse. There has been a dog ordinance in the works for quite some time now. A pack of dogs took the life of someone on a different reservation and he hopes we can do something to get it addressed. Martin thought we could involve SKHA and Fish & Game.

Mike Kenmille, Standing Arrow Pow Wow Committee, had questions for the accountant. Mike wanted to know what he has to work with as far as funding for the pow wow committee. **Len TwoTeeth** said the annual allocation that occurs each year and for 2021 we did not take official action to increase the allocation until recently to \$60,000. Both pow wow committees asked what happened with the 2020 and 2021 allocations knowing this money is budgeted every year and there were no pow wows this year and can the committees still access that funding for those years. **Greg Spahr**, Financial Management, talked about the unexpended allocations from prior years that were set aside for pow wows that did not occur. The allocations are not cumulative; they are allocations within the budget that are in a use it or lose it type of expense. The allocations for previous years are not cumulative in the budget. **Anita Matt** thought there was a list of repairs that were needed and that money was supposed to be used to improve/repair both pow wow grounds since there were no pow wows held. **Greg Spahr** stated the funding was allocated to the improvements that are currently underway. Greg can pull the expenditures and the breakdown of repairs and improvements made to the grounds. **Chairman McDonald** informed Mike that the Arlee Pow Wow Committee is setting up a nonprofit entity to raise funds for their pow wow and they will be able to accept private donations. **Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, reported that in 2020 neither celebration had activity so the \$40,000 was unspent; in 2021 the committees held abbreviated events and spent some of their money; and in 2022, each pow wow ground was allocated

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\$100,000 in facilities maintenance. That funding will be used to address the issues/upkeep of the pow wow grounds that were identified by the committees. The annual \$60,000 allocation is intended for the committee to hold the event; it is not intended for the repairs and upkeep. **Mike Kenmille** invited council to participate in the walkthrough of the grounds tomorrow. **Greg Spahr** will follow up with Lisa Shourds about Mike's concerns. **Bing Matt** commented that many of the Indian Preference contractors do not have the manpower so Lisa Shourds will see what she can do to help John Neiss get some work done over there and use contractors that are not on the Indian Preference list. **Mike Kenmille** informed council that the pavilion will not be usable for the pow wow and he asked if the Tribes could help with the rental of a tent. There is a local from Ronan they want to look at. **Chairman McDonald** stated Dennis Gardner has large tents; they will follow up to see if that is a possibility.

Otis Bird Song, Michael Ray Richardson, Calvin Murphy, Artis Gilmore, and Monte Marengo met with council for a meet and greet. Monte gave the council a poster and invited them to a meet and greet tomorrow. There will be a basketball camp in July.

Corky Sias, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval to apply for 5311 funds from the Federal Transit Administration. The proposal was reviewed by Contracts & Grants.

MOTION by Jim Malatare to approve submission of the application for 5311 funds from the Federal Transit Administration. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Jennifer Finley out of the room).

Corky Sias gave an overview of the new software where individuals can schedule rides on an app. The program still has the dispatchers available. The program is applying for funding to purchase electric vehicles.

Joe Durglo, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of noncompetitive capital equipment from Parata for add on to the existing medication kiosk at the Arlee Pharmacy. It will be purchased from the original supplier since it is an add-on to the existing equipment. There are sufficient funds in the existing budget.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve the noncompetitive capital equipment from Parata for add on to the existing medication kiosk at the Arlee Pharmacy. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

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

Mark Couture and **George Ducharme**, Tribal Lands Department; and **Shana Radford**, Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss land issues.

Mark Couture and **George Ducharme**, Tribal Lands Department; **Shana Radford**, Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent; **James Meyer**; and **Valerie Silva**; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a land issue.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 11:06 a.m. to conduct an Energy Keepers, Inc. shareholder representative meeting.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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

Patricia Hibbeler, Tribal Member Services, requested approval of a cover letter for the grant proposal that is due tomorrow to the United States Department of Health & Human Services for Children and Families. It is a continuation grant in the amount of \$225,000 annually. The grant proposal was reviewed by Contracts & Grants.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the cover letter for the grant. Seconded by Jim Malatare. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Stephen Smallsalmon and **Allen Pierre**, Nkwusm; and **Chaney Bell**, Nkwusm Board Chairman; gave an update. The drum group sang a song. There are 19 students that graduated. The students are building a canoe. The students gave council a gift and sang a song. Council was invited to go to Nkwusm's 20th anniversary pow wow. Stephen wants the Tribes to build a fence. Chaney informed council the annual audit report was submitted. Chairman McDonald will speak at the pow wow. Nkwusm is in the middle of a remodel project, and Stephen thanked the Tribal Council for the funding to do that. Chaney informed council that Nkwusm is in the talking phase of starting a school in Ronan. There are currently 42 students enrolled in Nkwusm.

Brian Upton, **Shane Morigeau**, **Gwen Lankford**, and **Stephanie Gillin**, Planning Committee, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to provide an update.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to adjourn the meeting.

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Council **adjourned** at 2:55 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary