

**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: March 22, 2022
Approved: March 24, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Len TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman.

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 1:13 p.m. Quorum established.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 17, 2022 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2022, with corrections. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Chauncey Means, Natural Resources Department; and **Tyler Tappenbeck**, University of Montana Flathead Lake Biological Station; presented a request from the University of Montana Flathead Lake Biological Station for 3 collection permits for the aquatic invasive species lake sampling, lake sampling and education, and outreach at the Yellow Bay Station. These permits are requested each year and have been approved in previous years. **Chairman McDonald** asked about the restricted access areas and if Tribal staff will be going to accompany the researchers. Tyler stated that they do not actively go into those areas, and they would work with tribal staff if the need did arise. **Martin Charlo**

appreciates the work they do, and he invited Tyler to give a presentation at the Pablo district meeting.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the collection permits for the University of Montana Flathead Lake Biological Station. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

C.T. Camel, Division of Fire, requested authorization to purchase capital equipment consisting of a vehicle for the Division of Fire; riverboat, trailer and motor for the Preparedness program; and truck to replace GSA vehicle and purchase of a UTV with trailer for the Helitack program. The Division of Fire vehicle will be purchased from the BIA critical needs funding. The program was approved for funding of \$40,000 to make the purchase and the vehicle will be purchased from Dave Smith. The Helitack program has carryover funding available for the purchase.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve the purchase of capital equipment, consisting of a vehicle for the Division of Fire; riverboat, trailer and motor for the Preparedness program; and truck to replace GSA vehicle and purchase of a UTV with trailer for the Helitack program. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Martin Charlo recommended that all the tribal programs look into having electric fleets. **Carole Lankford** liked the Division of Fire's fire prevention advertisement that was put up last year, and she thought it was a good idea to put a reward out there for information. **C.T. Camel** commented he would like to keep the advertisement up this year and he will follow up with Rob McDonald to find out where the funding came from. **Chairman McDonald** commented that the program could have its own charging station for electric vehicles. The electric Ford F-150 pickups are outstanding vehicles.

Brian Upton, Legal Department; **Bryon Miller**, S&K Gaming; and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office; requested to meet with council in **executive session**. **Dan Decker** and **Melissa Schlichting**, Legal Department; **Troy Felsman**, **Pete White**, **Francine Dupuis**, **Carole Holyan**, and **Pete White**, S&K Gaming Board of Directors; and **Velda Shelby**, Economic Development Office; were present for discussion.

Dan Decker, **Melissa Schlichting**, **John Harrison**, **Brian Upton**, and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

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

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Dan Decker and **John Harrison**, Legal Department; **Jaqueline De Leon** and **Emily de Lisle** Native American Rights Fund; and **Sandra Hedrick-Mitrovich**, National Congress of American Indians; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters. **Katie Jones** and **Lynsey Gaudio**, Legal Department; **Shane Morigeau**, Public Affairs & Communications; were present for discussion.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 4:14 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Martin A. Charlo
Tribal Council Secretary