

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN NATION, MONTANA**

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Zoom Meeting

Held: August 12, 2021
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelly Fyant, Chairwoman; Martin Charlo, Treasurer; Carole Lankford; James “Bing” Matt; Charmel Gillin; Mike Dolson; and Len TwoTeeth.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anita Matt, Vice-Chairwoman (Personal Time Off for Medical Appointment – Missoula, Montana); Ellie Bundy McLeod, Secretary (Missing & Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force Meeting – Billings, Montana); and St. Ignatius District (Vacant).

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 9:01 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Charmel Gillin.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for August 10, 2021 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2021, with corrections. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Carole Lankford introduced **Judge Manley**, **Kent Duckworth**, and **Dana Comes At Night**, Drug Court and Never Alone Recovery. Carole thanked council for the house. The lease is not done yet, though. These people are in recovery or are starting their path to their recovery. Shay Ashley is starting his own business. Becky Coffman has her child back and living in her own home now. This is about a community in recovery. **Judge Manley** came here six years ago and was disillusioned by what he found out. 90%+ of the people dealing with

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felonies were suffering from addiction. Of those, 100% of them were suffering from childhood trauma. In most cases, generation after generation they were suffering from childhood trauma. The problem seemed so big he did not know if they could do anything. He knew the old system of locking everyone up would correct them was failing them. Judge Manley came to the Tribes hoping for help and realizing this problem was going to take a community working together in cooperation. In the time since then when the Drug Court was formed, every time they reached out to the Tribes for help the CSKT answered, whether it be Ann Sherwood with the Reentry program, Voc Rehab for resources, or Housing when that was available. They never heard no, and he is appreciative of the assistance provided. Judge Manley is proud of the people who are here today. It is very difficult, and they show their character and strength. One of the most troubling things he saw years ago was all the people he was sentencing in felony cases were parents, so another generation was being negatively affected. Many of the people today have gotten their children back. It is really about the children. Unless we help them and save them from experiencing what their parents did, we will not get ahead. The people here have done that and by their example are helping their children in ways they do not even realize. On behalf of everyone, Judge Manley thanked the Tribal Council for all their help. No matter how hard people try, they do not have a chance for success unless they have a sober home to live in. They received some funding for a sober living center for men, but there has not been a place for women. Women have tried in Drug Court, but they did not have a sober place to go home to so they were back in the criminal justice center. That does not do them any good, but they never had a real chance. Finally, through the efforts of everyone and especially the CSKT it looks like we finally have a women's sober living center. We are at a point where we are making some progress and will make a difference for these people and the next generation. A lot of it is due to the vision and generosity of the Tribes. Judge Manley thanked the Tribes for making this sober home available for women.

Kent Duckworth thanked the Tribes for giving them a place for females. It is something that has been missing from the program. They are eternally grateful for providing a place for them, and they will do their best to uphold their obligations. **Chairwoman Fyant** watched a movie titled Tribal Justice. There was a wellness court model from California. It follows traditional values and principles. It is a restorative system and that has been a piece missing in our courts, along with more treatment options. **Dana Comes At Night** told council that she grew up here. She is grateful for this. There is good stuff going on for recovery; they are trying to keep the ball rolling. Dana went to treatment, and it is hard to apply the skills in the community she lived in. Sober living helps recovery and to learn to live day to day. The board members and never alone recovery community are here today. Dolores Joseph, Participant; Shay Ashley, Never Alone Recovery Outreach Specialist; Steve Morigeau, Never Alone Recovery Outreach Director; Quinten Reid, Participant; Caitlyn Markovich, Participant; Gabe Caye, Participant; Patricia Courchane, Department of Human Resources

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Development; Krystal Orman, Never Alone Recovery Support Services; Juanita Reed, Never Alone Recovery Dynamics; Todd Smith, Never Alone Recovery; Dan Beavers, Drug Court/Never Alone Recovery; Linda Malatare, Participant; Karlie Haynes, Drug Court; and Becky Colman, Drug Court; were in attendance and introduced themselves to the council.

Chairwoman Fyant commented that life is not without challenges. She wished them strength and goodness in their journey. Shelly wanted them to know that the council is committed to irradicating addiction and dedicating resources towards all aspects of that. She congratulated them for their hard work. **Charmel Gillin** thanked everyone here today. She knows personally how difficult it is to make a choice each day on how to deal with life without turning to addiction. It is a daily struggle. Charmel is thankful for all of them to be networking together. There are many people around us who share the same heart and need leadership, resources and opportunity. She shared information about a faith-based program that is offered through the Cornerstone Faith Center. It is open to anyone who wants to join. It is a 12-step program for hurts, hang-ups, and habits. **Carole Lankford** informed council that the never alone recovery group will be going to the National Native American AA convention; they raised the money to go. She thanked the council for allowing that to happen. The people that are going will be able to network and find out what is working in Indian country so we can incorporate it with what we are doing. Carole also thanked the council for all they do. Carole appreciated Charmel's poster. There is never enough in the community, and we need to do whatever we can to spread the message. Carole thanked the tribal departments for working with this group. Patricia Courchane and Mark Couture will take the group over to look at the recovery house for women.

Karyn Kallay, Tribal Member, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter.

Council joined the cooperators meeting regarding the Boulder fire.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Shannon Clairmont and **Art Soukkala**, Natural Resources Department, conducted the Ferry Basin and Little Money tag draw. 398 applicants were eligible for the drawing this year. There are 5 ram, 30 bull, and 4 ewe tags.

Johnathan Owens, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to purchase capital equipment consisting of a special antibacterial light for the sauna in the St. Ignatius Community Center.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to authorize the purchase of capital equipment consisting of a special antibacterial light for the sauna in the St. Ignatius Community Center. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Johnathan Owens and **Samantha Morigeau**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to purchase capital equipment consisting of fitness equipment to expand the Physical Therapy clinic.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the purchase of capital equipment consisting of PT equipment. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Johnathan Owens and **Garry Pitts**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to purchase capital equipment consisting of 3 pieces of dental equipment to provide services to the youth patients.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the purchase of dental equipment. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Marie Torosian, Three Chiefs Culture Center, requested approval to apply for a \$50,000 grant from the Annenberg Foundation.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve by resolution submission of the grant application to the Annenberg Foundation in the amount of \$50,000. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 21-104

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS TO THE ANNENBERG FOUNDATION GRANT FOR SUPPORT TO THREE CHIEFS CULTURE CENTER

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

WHEREAS, the Three Chiefs Culture Center was established to provide public education on aspects of traditional lifestyles and histories of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille people as sanctioned by tribal Elders and the Culture Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Three Chiefs Culture Center (formerly The People's Center), was destroyed by arson fire on September 6, 2020 and part of its efforts are to rebuild and restructure; and

WHEREAS, the Three Chiefs Culture Center is soliciting funding in the amount of \$50,000 to help with rebuilding and restructuring efforts of the Culture Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Three Chiefs Culture Center is authorized to submit Annenberg Foundation documents with its updates to further carry out the purposes of the funds request, and to integrate and implement its most recent cultural education work plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the submission of the Annenberg Grant that supports Three Chiefs Culture Center and authorizes the Tribal Chair and her designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute this contract on behalf of the Tribes.

Constance Morigeau, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval to apply for a grant in the amount of \$10,000.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution submission of the grant application for \$10,000. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 6 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Len TwoTeeth – not present for discussion).

RESOLUTION 21-105

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR TITLE VI IN RESPONSE TO FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER FY 21 MIPPA FUNDING HHS-2021-ACL-MITR-2101

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) are committed to the wellbeing and safety of our elders to live financially as stable as possible;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and leadership encourages cross collaboration between departments, not only to minimize cost but to improve service outcomes to individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resource and Development is soliciting funding in the amount allowed by this funding agent not yet established;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Human Resource and Development is authorized to submit on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the submission of the application and authorizes the Tribal Chair and her designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute this contract on behalf of the Tribes.

Mark Couture and **Tara Irvine**, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Leslie and Terrance Stewart, Fire & Ice, for a six-month revocable permit to operate a food vendor stand on Tribal Tract 1914-B in Polson from August through December. Options presented were: (1) approve a revocable permit so long as all permitting requirements are met, including rental payment of \$350 per month, required insurance, and bond; (2) deny revocable permit; and (3) hold further discussion. The Tribal Lands staff recommended going with option 1.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to go with option 1. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Len TwoTeeth asked if we still do inspections for food vendors. **Tara Irvine** stated it is a requirement to do those inspections.

Mark Couture and **Tara Irvine**, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from One Heart for a business lease modification. They were subletting and offering swimming lessons with a fee, which was a lease violation. It was not their clientele that was charging for swimming lessons. Lands staff advised that the lease could be modified if One Heart obtained the proper insurance that covers the outside entities participating in the swimming lessons. The insurance only covers the clientele. The license, insurance, safety protocols, and a lifeguard on duty would be required. The other lease violation was subletting cattle. One Heart was running nontribal member cattle on the Black Bear Ranch and was notified that is a lease violation and trespass issue. One Heart stated they were bartering with the nonmember to have fence work done. One Heart is requesting permission to have cattle grazing to prevent fire. It would take council approval to allow the nonmember cattle on the property and allow the subletting. Lands staff was going to work with One Heart and their clients to build the fence, but that never happened. The Tribal Lands Department preferred if the council grants permission for the modification to allow the sublet that it needs to be tribal member cattle.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the lease modifications and include the recommendations identified by the Tribal Lands Department. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Mark Couture and **Tara Irvine**, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Two Eagle River School for a business lease to expand the facility on Tract G-4128. Options presented were: (1) approve a 50-year business lease term with an option to renew for an additional 50 years, so long as all leasing

requirements are met, along with an annual fee of \$1.00; a waiver of the bond; and provide proof of required insurance; (2) deny request; and (3) hold further discussion.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the request from Two Eagle River School for a 50-year business lease with a renewal option for an additional 50 years to expand the facility on Tract G-4128, for an annual fee of \$1.00, required insurance, and waiver of the bond requirement. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 6 for; 1 abstention (Mike Dolson).

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a land issue.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Antoine Incashola, Sr., Thompson Smith, Stephen Smallsalmon, Vi Trahan, Shirley Trahan, MaryJane Charlo, Chaney Bell, Nalani Linsebigler, Sadie Stops, Steve Arca, Arleen Adams, and Rita Adams Woodcock, Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee and Elders Advisory Council, met with council for an elders meeting. **Chairwoman Fyant** reviewed the topics to be discussed today. The first item is incorporating the traditional values and principles in the workplace. Shelly received a complaint yesterday about a department head creating a toxic hostile work environment through the harassment of an employee. She wants to discuss how we can fully incorporate those traditional values and principles into the workplace. The next topic is the boarding school initiative that was announced last month by Secretary Haaland. We have been in touch with the Native American Boarding School Coalition, who provided information on education and advocacy, and they spoke to Marcia Small, who does underground surveying and the Ursulines was one of the places she had information on. Shelly wants to discuss where we begin the healing of that boarding school trauma. The next agenda item is the seven priority resolutions that were passed by the council and how we envision those being incorporated moving forward.

Antoine Incashola, Sr. was happy to reconnect the goals of our government and people to redirect ourselves to make sure we are doing the things we should be doing and going in the right direction. There is a lot of history with our Tribes. Stories have been passed down to us for thousands of years. To keep something like that alive is a big responsibility in itself. We are the generation that has that responsibility for the next generation. It is amazing we have what we have today. It was something that was cared for, and it was created and made by those leaders that came before us. We are very fortunate to have had those people before us. Our elders were big on respect and that is the main ingredient who

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we are today. We need each other as a people, as a council, as employees, and as memberships. We all have a role in what we do today and have a responsibility that our children and grandchildren are given the same opportunity given to us by our parents and grandparents. The water, bison, and highway took time and understanding. We will get wiped out if we do not stay strong and stay together as one. **Chairwoman Fyant** commented that the council has trouble listening to different perspectives and coming to consensus, or people do not look at our opinions as diversity. We have a common goal at the end of serving the membership for the future and restoring our land for future generations. That is where we get hung up sometimes. We pride ourselves for being a people of vision but sometimes she questions how far that vision is, such as is it tomorrow, the next week, four years, or generations down the road. Shelly thinks about those things all the time. The council begins their meetings with a prayer and asking for good discussions and come up with good decisions for everyone that benefits the membership for future generations, not just our families for this week. Shelly has a great-granddaughter, and she thinks about her and what we will leave for that generation.

Carole Lankford has heard some concerns about the organizational chart and the way it is set up and where the Culture Committees were placed. When she saw it, she was not sure if she agreed with it. Nothing is cut in stone, and it can be adjusted if needed. Just because the Culture Committees have always been at the top of the chart, their presence is important to us. She asked how they felt about that placement underneath a director or another program. **Antoine Incashola, Sr.** responded that where you are in an organization or group of people, you go back and look at how our ancestors dealt with meetings, gatherings, and planning the next move for the people. Although it does need to be known we all have a role and a responsibility. If we, as a people, work as a people, there are no levels; there are only certain groups as in any organization. We have our chiefs, subchiefs, and people who are responsible for different things to carry out the wishes. The leaders need these people to make good decisions. In our organization we need the experts we have. We all have a role and responsibility. We still know that we belong to the bigger organization if we let those kinds of things be understood by everybody that our employees and leaders are on the same level and we just have different responsibilities. We are all one. It does not matter to him where he is placed on the organizational chart as long as that is understood.

Rita Woodcock had questions about the big resort they were planning on buying in Idaho and she wanted to know who would be working it. **Chairwoman Fyant** explained that Thompson Smith made her aware that the Sleeping Child Resort in the Bitterroot is for sale. We were talking about it and Thompson brought others into the conversation. The Lolo Hot Springs is also for sale. We could restore these sacred waters into the tribal land inventory, which would send a

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huge message about land off the reservation. The council has not talked about it in length yet.

Stephen Smallsalmon commented that he has been here many years and has had many good teachers. Alexander Beaverhead raised him in the mountains. Stephen has come to the council many times. There was talk about buying Sleeping Child. His grandfather lived across from the scenic turnout by Job Corps. He never knows how much money the Tribes have and what they are going to do. Pete Beaverhead and his mother were siblings, and they lived there. It is for sale, and he asked why the Tribes do not buy it. It is traditional and it is where his grandfather lived. Stephen hears about people who get mad, but you cannot get people happy. We rely on the council to do the right things. Stephen and Pete used to get post and poles and wood. There has been a lot of change in this world. One year the post and poles were cut down and he couldn't find any. Stephen counted on the Christmas trees. The elders used to pile brush and they were happy. He is an elder and does not know how old you have to be to be considered an elder. He used to listen to his grandfather, Pete Beaverhead, and his mother, and all those old people. They were happy people. Stephen used to go visit Pete Beaverhead and talk Indian. Helping others from the heart feels good. It was not about how much are you going to pay me. It's different now. Stephen saw a little boy in Harvest Foods, and the child made a comment to him, and he didn't know if the child was making fun of him. Stephen has seen a lot of changes as an elder and sometimes it makes him sad. We should be helping the people who are starving. He feels sorry for them. He went to Dixon and saw where the council used to be there. He likes to be happy. We should help our elders. Council should say we should help them out. The council should be helping the Culture Committees and Nkwusm School. We never talk about Indian laws; we always talk about white man's laws. Now they are talking about wearing masks. Kids do not want to wear a mask. It is a big thing to get shots. People working with kids should have their shots. Stephen is 82 years old and is happy to be alive. He had turned a page over and saw his grandfather Alexander sitting there all dressed up. When people met with the council the ladies had their shawls on and were all decked out. Now we have laptops and cell phones. The roads are dangerous. He wants to get the old bowling alley fixed and have an opening. He has worked at Nkwusm for 18 years.

MaryJane Charlo talked about the organizational chart. She noticed it is made the same way as our enrollment with little squares. She was thinking we are all the same and everyone who works for the Tribes should understand that. MaryJane has had 14 jobs with the Tribes. One issue is favoritism. Gossip was a big issue at times, so she had to close her door. They were trying to get favoritism from their supervisor. The supervisor should keep things level and running in their department. We used to have a cultural day for employees. People look at the organizational chart. It needs to be reformatted into a circle. Having the squares is the suyapi way and someone has to be on the top. We

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should respect each other enough to work together. There are toxic work environments at the Tribes and she just ignores them, laughs it off, and keeps on working. Buying Sleeping Child would be an awesome idea.

Shirley Trahan thinks the Tribal Council and Culture Committees should be closer and spend more time communicating with each other about some of these issues. The world is going so fast and the issue is where would you find time to do something like that, but we would have to make time because what we are all doing is important for everybody. Communicating would help us understand and work better with each other. Her mother told her the people were close. They were all there for each other. If someone had a need, someone else would provide help for them. People shared with each other and visited each other. Some groups went hunting together for weeks. Stephen talked about his dad having groups to do pile brush, and she was a part of that and remembers those times. Her dad and uncles and other people would go camping close to where those men worked. They looked out for each other. The men would go hunting together and the women would dry the meat and help each other to have what they needed. They would take people home and back to work. There were lots of Indian laws, but they were not meant to be showing someone was better than the other; they were meant to keep each other safe, keep people from being hungry, and things like that. There were little rules for different things. Shirley's children learned a lot from her mother. It would be good to find ways to visit with each other, like having a dinner together. That is one thing we could start doing. People love it when they have a lunch for the elders meeting. We need to be closer and support each other and give each other some time. She thinks Sleeping Child is beautiful and is a special place. She wondered why the Tribes could not buy the hot springs and fix up the bathhouse. Tribal members should be able to do their summertime activities without being crowded out by nontribal members. They take all the berries and leave a mess. Tribal families should mark off the spot where they like to camp and post it with a reserved sign. There should be someone at these locations to count the number of people entering and then cut them off after a certain amount have entered. She is not the only one that feels this way. It is a pity when they go camping with their families and there is no room for them. That is something that could be worked on and have in place. Shirley has been told to speak up for the people, and she will continue to do that.

Chairwoman Fyant liked the mention of tribal land issues. Council has talked about changing the permit system, not allow camping in certain areas, and other options. She liked the suggestion of meeting more often, because we have a lot to talk about. **Len TwoTeeth** shared a conversation that happened at yesterday's Elmo elders meeting that is a hot topic. We have a business that was set up by a nonmember that rents out ATVs and those types of vehicles and sends these people on tribal land. There is nobody that monitors them. Part of the feelings from elders was we just completely close our recreational and tribal

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lands for a period of time to heal until we can come up with a different plan about adding additional Game Wardens, increase the fee schedules, and identifying a certain area for nontribal member use. This would be a good discussion for both elders committees to come together to discuss with the council on developing the plan to move forward.

Vi Trahan is always glad to hear Tony talk. He has a lot of good words to say, and it means a lot. She is learning a lot by being at the elders meeting. Vi helps out where she can. Her mother worked there for many years, and Vi wants to be a part of the culture and learn. She missed out on a lot in the past because she was working, and there is a lot she needs to learn. She thinks about what her mom would think or do. She looks to Shirley and Tony for guidance. Vi hopes when the virus ends that we can do another culture camp and expand on the language. She is proud of the people that have gone through the immersion program. She hopes to be there at some point. There are lots of issues that are going on right now, and the main thing is the water compact and Bison Range. The irrigation and water should be looked at. The Irrigation Project looks like it needs to have something done there with the organization. It has overgrown grass. It made her think of the tribal buildings. There needs to be renovations or repairs done. We need to look good and there needs to be money available to do those things. The pow wow grounds need maintenance. It never had improvements made. Although the Sleeping Child looks beautiful, our money needs to be spent buying lands here. There are a lot of people moving here and building houses, and our reservation is getting overpopulated. We need to take care of ourselves here before we buy some luxurious place. She asked who would take care of Sleeping Child, who would work there, and would it make money. Council needs to look at what needs to be addressed here before going out and making a big purchase somewhere else. They talked about the cemeteries yesterday and she hopes something can be done to keep them clean. Vi hopes there is a rule or law for people who want to be cremated. She asked why they want to spread their ashes; they should make sure their ashes are buried instead of being spread out in the camping areas, woods, or rivers. She does not agree with people doing that. The one-day pow wow was a good celebration, but it was not enough. She hopes we get back to having a good celebration. She hopes the money that was allocated to the pow wows is still there for the next pow wow. Vi hopes the council can help out with the buildings and bathrooms to get them up to date so people can come in with campers and use that as a recreational area in the summer. We went on a field trip to Eva Paul and Valley Creek to look at the different areas. The tribal staff knows what they are doing, and you could tell they were very knowledgeable about what their job is. She is very proud of them. She hopes other departments will look to be that knowledgeable about their jobs and keep their jobs going. They need to be recognized. The aquatic invasive species employees are doing a very good job, too.

Shirley Trahan thought the flag raising at the Bison Range was a nice celebration. She asked if the Tribes are going to have a bigger grand opening celebration. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that there will be an event scheduled. It is a matter of them remodeling the Visitor Center. We have \$5 million in the budget to do deferred maintenance. We are waiting for the virus to subside before having a larger celebration. The settlement dollars will be spent on some of the things Vi mentioned. We cannot spend the settlement dollars until it is all received. We did some lobbying and all the water compact settlements that have not been totally paid off will be cleared in the infrastructure bill. If that is the case, then we could start spending that money now instead of waiting for congress to appropriate it. The bathhouse and pow wow grounds are included in that. Shelly talked about a priority resolution for language and culture that was passed. This is something the council wants the elders to think about and give them their ideas. It is Resolution No. 21-085. The council had a brainstorming session. Shelly would like to dedicate a session to this resolution. She also wants more input from the elders on land closures.

Arleen Adams informed council that she went to the First Nations gathering in Missoula. She was introduced as an elder yesterday to do the opening prayer. There were no tribal council members or tribal veterans in attendance at the flag raising ceremony. Arleen discussed funding for schools. We do not get any money for descendants unless the Tribes certify the descendants somehow. Our whole system is suyapi based. We need to concentrate on home and what we are doing here; we are getting overran. **Carole Lankford** took responsibility for missing yesterday's event and apologized for not attending. It was just an oversight on her part. **Shelly Fyant** commented it was poor planning on their part. She understands the hurt and bad feelings associated with how it turned out. David Strohmaier told Shelly that it was an outside entity that did the planning. The All Nations and Missoula County Commissioners spoke to Arleen about doing more things. **Len TwoTeeth** thanked Arleen for being there yesterday. It was just a matter of bad timing or else we would have all been there. He commended Missoula for acknowledging the first people. It is good to see people there that represented us. It was still a good event. It is unfortunate we could not be there, but he was grateful we had tribal members such as Arleen who stepped up to represent us. **Arleen Adams** clarified that it was Bryan Brazil's daughter that carried the CSKT flag in at the ceremony and she is part Salish.

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

Arlen Tellier, Enrollment Office, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss enrollment issues.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Martin Charlo would like to have the number of COVID cases. **Len TwoTeeth** wants to get the monitoring back in tribal facilities as soon as possible.

Rich Janssen, Natural Resources Department, discussed the closure of a portion of Flathead Lake. The Incident Commander is requesting that action be rescinded. There is no longer a need to use water scooping to a large extent and the restriction is no longer necessary.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to rescind Resolution 21-100 to be effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 13, 2021. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Charmel Gillin asked council if they would consider allowing use of the donated funds the Tribes received for fire effected evacuees. The donated funds were derived from the tribal corporations. For the Boulder 2700 fires we assisted several tribal members due to loss of power, being evacuated or displaced somehow, or for the need for food or gas. Rick Eneas was handling that fund. There is a few thousand dollars left in that fund. Charmel received a request from an enrolled CSKT elder that lives in Northern Cheyenne that has been affected by the Richard Springs fire, which is 164,000 acres. Her power has been turned off and she is requesting any assistance amount that is available so she can get a generator for her home. Jennifer Trahan had referred her to the Red Cross organization that is affiliated with that fire since she does not reside on the Flathead Reservation.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to provide assistance to the elder. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

MOTION by Martin Charlo to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 3:47 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on August, 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Council Secretary