

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

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Zoom Meeting

Held: March 25, 2021
Approved: March 30, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelly Fyant, Chairwoman; Anita Matt, Vice-Chairwoman; Ellie Bundy McLeod, Secretary; Martin Charlo, Treasurer; Carole Lankford; James “Bing” Matt; Fred Matt; Charmel Gillin; Mike Dolson; and Len TwoTeeth.

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 9:02 a.m. Quorum established.

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

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the agenda. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 23, 2021 were discussed.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to table the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021, for editing purposes. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Shawn Matt, Department of Human Resources Development, discussed the increase for snowplowers. The modification for Lloyd Irvine needs to be \$15,000.00, not \$7,500.00. **Chairwoman Fyant** stated that they had already submitted some invoices. Shawn advised that his accounting showed a different quantity as far as Northwest Lawn Care Services’ accounting for additional funding. Shelly said the invoices they sent in would be covered with the \$15,000.00. Council would need to take action to modify the contract for an additional \$7,500.00 since they took action on Tuesday to approve \$7,500.00 additional funding. Lloyd has two areas that he needs to plow, and that is the cause of the need to increase funding. **Martin Charlo** suggested that in the future the department make the contracts bigger so they do not have to come in and modify them each year. Shawn would like to make the snowplowing budget

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a pot of money because different areas on the reservation get more snow than other areas.

MOTION by Fred Matt to modify the contract with Lloyd Irvine, Northwest Lawn Care Services, to increase compensation by \$7,500.00. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for; 1 opposed (Martin Charlo); 1 not voting (Charmel Gillin out of the room).

Martin Charlo, for the record, "I am opposed for the same reason as last time I opposed. It is more of the contract process that could be simplified so we don't see these requests every year."

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss land issues. **Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Jami Pluff, Policy Analyst; and **Willie Keenan**, Natural Resources Department; presented for approval a consultation letter to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Natural Resources Department staff members attended the listening session. The letter is due by March 31, 2021. **Ellie Bundy McLeod** had some edits she wanted made to the letter. **Chairwoman Fyant** wanted the USDA comment letter presented for approval since they were due by March 22, 2021. Jami will follow up. Jami will also bring in the HHS comments that are due by tomorrow. Shelly wants them in the council packet for review as soon as possible. **No action taken.**

Rick Eneas, Financial Management, requested approval of a contract for work to be done on the generator in the old complex that serves the section of the facility where the Tribal Jail and Tribal Credit are located. The requested contract is with TW Enterprises, Inc., who was the low bidder for the amount of \$6,678.95.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the contract with TW Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$6,678.95 to do work on the generator in the old complex. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Rick Eneas, Financial Management, requested approval of a contractor agreement with Dick Anderson Construction for the Ronan Health Center for preconstruction services. When construction gets here, he will bring in a new contract or an amendment for the actual general construction portion.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the contract with Dick Anderson Construction. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 1 abstention (Len TwoTeeth).

Johnathan Owens and **Barbara Schott**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a memorandum of agreement with Shanley Swanson to provide services to expand her duties to do referrals and coordination for the medication treatment of people in the tribal jail.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve a memorandum of agreement with Shanley Swanson. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Johnathan Owens and **Barbara Schott**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a contract with Rosebud Consulting, Inc. for a training video aimed at tribal jail inmates and a variety of settings to recognize an overdose and reverse it. The service was bid out and Rosebud Consulting, Inc. was the only respondent.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the contract with Rosebud Consulting, Inc. to provide a training video on how to recognize an overdose and reverse it. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Carole Lankford).

Jody Perez, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority; and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office; requested approval of an extension to the memorandum of understanding and an increase through the end of April. The modular home at KHJCC has had unforeseen problems getting it ready. The yellow house has caused unforeseen problems, expenses, and delays, which increases the scope of work. Jody wants to spend some CARES Funding to put up no parking signs at the Morning Star Apartments. Other businesses are using those parking spaces. Jody also wants to put up a new American flag and a Tribal flag there.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the requests to extend the term to April 30, 2021; include in the scope of work the KHJCC modular home foundation drainage and pony wall, drain connection, porches, steps, and cost to dig sewer line; connection of air conditioning units at two manufactured homes; installation of an American flag and Tribal flag at the Morning Star Apartments, along with no parking signs and poles; and increase the amount by \$11,775.45, for a total amount of \$113,729.45. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Rob McDonald, Communications; and **Sam Sandoval**, Char-Koosta News; requested approval to hire Marcy Diamond on a one-year contract to fill the Ads Sales position. She has worked for CKN for a year and the contract expired.

COVID-19 has caused interview delays. Sam explained why the tribal member candidate was not selected. **Chairwoman Fyant** pointed out that the term needed to be corrected on the contract. **Len TwoTeeth** asked if the tribal member met the minimum qualifications. Sam responded no. **Carole Lankford** commented that the person had to have met the minimum qualifications if that person made it through the screening process for an interview. Maybe the person could be trained. Sam further explained why that candidate was not selected. The position will be advertised again after the contract expires.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve the hire of Marcy Diamond on a one-year contract to fill the Ads Sales position. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Len TwoTeeth).

Erica Woodahl, Jami Lozeau, and Patricia Kelly, University of Montana, gave an overview on their research regarding precision medicine and genetic research. Erica requested approval of three manuscripts. This has been an ongoing partnership with the Tribal Health Department. It is on pharmacogenetics for treatment to be tailored to the patient's genetics. Erica has three papers ready for publication and one in draft form that she will present at a later date. The 2017 grant was a three-part grant that focused on precision medicine. **Chairwoman Fyant** wanted to know the results of the Vitamin D project. Erica analyzed 350 of those, and 43% of the CSKT participants were deficient in Vitamin D levels. The Vitamin D levels were much lower in the winter. She can return at a later date and provide a more detailed report.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the three manuscripts and submit to the SKC IRB for review. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Erica Woodahl informed council that the University of Montana is partnering with the State lab for COVID testing. They submitted a grant request to screen for variants and she asked SKC if they were interested in partnering with them to do screenings.

Rich Janssen, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a revised organizational chart for the Division of Engineering and Water Resources to add 26 additional positions for water compact implementation, for a total of 85 positions. **Len TwoTeeth** asked if the supervisory positions would be offered to the current tribal member employees and give them an opportunity to move up. Rich responded yes; the employees will have an opportunity to move up. Len wants them to enter into educational contracts with those employees in order to get them trained to take over those positions instead of advertising the positions. When those jobs are advertised, they usually end up hiring a nonmember because the tribal members do not have the educational requirements. Rich

works diligently with the Tribal Education Department and the local colleges. Rich does his best to hire tribal members.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the revised organizational chart for the Division of Engineering and Water Resources to add 26 new positions for water compact implementation. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Velda Shelby and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office, requested approval of a modification to the contract with Tina Begay for additional compensation of \$4,552.00 to provide additional technical assistance, help with the zoom workshops, help with coordinating the CEU credits with Salish Kootenai College, and help with getting the YouTube recordings of the workshops on the website. The additional cost will be paid for from the grant funding.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to modify the contract with Tina Begay to increase the amount by \$4,552.00. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Velda Shelby and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office; and **Sam Wall**, S&K Business Services; requested approval of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for a five-year period. There was a public comment period that has now concluded. The public comments were reviewed and addressed. **Carole Lankford** thought there should be some edits in the beginning of the document; it did not seem to flow as it should. She can speak directly to the staff about the edits.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for a five-year period. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions (Carole Lankford and Anita Matt).

RESOLUTION 21-047

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES' COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is the duly recognized governing body of the Flathead Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to the sound planning and management of Flathead Reservation resources; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) have directed the Office of Economic Development (EDO) to fill the important need of diversification of revenues and protection of resources as the Tribes strive for self-sufficiency and planned economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the EDO with the Workforce Enhancement/Entrepreneurship/Economic Development Coalition, had completed a Job and Training Needs Survey and a Sustainable Economic Development Study to identify regional or Reservation-based industry growth trends, employment opportunities, Tribal member workforce gaps, and related employment enhancement strategies to guide sustainable Tribal economic development on the Flathead Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the EDO and Coalition have used the Survey and Study results, data and goals from other Tribal and regional plans, as well as significant data updates from S&K Business Services and input from Tribal staff and the Tribal community at district meetings, coalition meetings, meetings with Tribal Elders, and meetings with the Tribal Council to develop a Draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Strategy has been available for public comment for 30 days, since February 22, 2021, with said notice listed on the home page of the CSKT Economics public website since that date, and printed in the Char-Koosta News on February 24, 2021, and March 4, 2021, with links to electronic copies available since February 22 and paper copies available upon request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation hereby adopts the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes ' Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Velda Shelby and **Janet Camel**, Economic Development Office; and **Sam Wall**, S&K Business Services; requested approval of the Indian Business Assistance grant awards. The applications were reviewed by various bankers. EDO received twelve applications, but two were incomplete. There was enough funding to fund seven of them. Janet requested approval of a grant award to Randy Michel, Circle M, in the amount of \$7,000.00. Randy tans hides and has not received funding in the past.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve a \$7,000 grant award to Randy Michel, Circle M. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Charmel Gillin stated that she was hoping to understand how the ranking and selection was conducted. It sounds like there were seven of ten that were approved due to the limitations of funding available. She wanted to know how they were sorted out if some of the applicants have not received funding in the past. Janet said everyone who did not get funding in the past was offered an award this time. Because they only received ten applications, they looked at the remainder of the applications regarding the match, quality of business plans, what kind of funding they got in the past, and what is the likelihood that the business will be successful in the future. The bankers were familiar with some of the applicants. They weighed the comments from all of the bankers and took an average of the ranking to get the scores. Charmel hopes some of the more disadvantaged startup entrepreneurs of our Tribes are getting appropriate opportunity. When they talk about a match, their ability to match funds or the quality of their business plans, she hopes those could be something we could help with. The council approved an extension of a contract with someone who is capable of providing quality business plans, so that should not be something standing in the way of a new tribal member entrepreneur. When it comes to the limitations of available funding, you have to draw the line somewhere. She is concerned that some of these are maybe third- or fourth-time recipients. Janet requested approval of an award to Hunter Towing & Hauling in the amount of \$6,204.00. He is the only tribal member hauling company.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve a grant award to Hunter Towing & Hauling in the amount of \$6,204.00. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Janet Camel requested approval of a grant award to Guy Hill, That One Guy's Barbecue & Tacos, in the amount of \$7,000.00.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve a grant award to Guy Hill, That One Guy's Barbecue & Tacos, in the amount of \$7,000.00. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Janet Camel requested approval of a grant award to Michael Snell and Alisha Matt, OFT Automotive & Detailing, LLC, in the amount of \$6,915.84. Michael is a tribal member and has never received funding in the past.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve a grant award to Michael Snell and Alisha Matt, OFT Automotive & Detailing, LLC, in the amount of \$6,915.84. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Janet Camel requested approval of a grant award to Nick Barber, Barber Shop Beer Parlor, in the amount of \$7,000.00.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve a grant award to Nick Barber, Barber Shop Beer Parlor, in the amount of \$7,000.00. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Janet Camel requested approval of a grant award to Sam D. Barber, Sam Barber Electric, in the amount of \$7,000.00. Sam has not received funding in the past.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve a grant award to Sam D. Barber, Sam Barber Electric, in the amount of \$7,000.00. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Janet Camel requested approval of a grant award to Flathead Raft Company Rentals in the amount of \$7,000.00 for a new startup business for rental equipment and funds for adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve a grant award to Flathead Raft Company Rentals in the amount of \$7,000.00. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

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

Patricia Kinley, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval of a consultant agreement with Montana Native Children's Trauma Center through September 30, 2021. It was previously approved and signed in the Fall, but they declined the contract due to the language in the contract. The services provided are consultation with CSKT Tribal Court Diversion Program and Tribal Administration for a 12-month period for the Court Diversion program. **Chairwoman Fyant** requested that the scope of work be corrected to six months; it states twelve months, but it expires on September 30, 2021. Patricia said she can develop a new contract in September, if that is more suitable for the council. **Lissa Peel** will delete the statement "12 months" from the language in the contract.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the consultant agreement with Montana Native Children's Trauma Center through September 30, 2021. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Dana Morales, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval to hire Jennifer Prettybull on a one-year contract to fill the Foster Care Worker Trainee position. The vacancy was advertised and there were no tribal member applicants.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve the hire of Jennifer Prettybull on a one-year contract to fill the Foster Care Worker Trainee position. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Dale Becker, Natural Resources Department, presented a request from Janene Lichtenberg, Salish Kootenai College, for a scientific collection permit for student research projects.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve a scientific collection permit for Salish Kootenai College student research projects. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Dale Becker, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to apply for a grant from the Vital Ground Foundation for wildlife funding.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution submission of a grant application to the Vital Ground Foundation for wildlife funding. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 21-048

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE VITAL GROUND FOUNDATION

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have been organized to represent, develop, protect and advance the views, interests, resources, and education of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes have established a Tribal Wildlife Management Program to monitor wildlife populations and habitats, recommend appropriate wildlife and habitat management actions, inform the public about wildlife issues and oversee wildlife management projects; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes are eligible to receive funds to promote sound wildlife management activities for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted, the Tribal Wildlife Management Program strives to inform and educate the public regarding wildlife populations and conflicts on the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Wildlife Management Program has been working with the Vital Ground Foundation, local Mission Valley residents and other conservation organizations to develop a funding partnership for application for funding for small projects to assist in management of wildlife-human conflicts, specifically related to grizzly bears; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes approves the development and submission of a funding proposal to the Vital Ground Foundation to assist in resolving and minimizing grizzly bear-human conflicts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairwoman is authorized to negotiate and execute the grant documents and any amendments hereto.

Dale Becker, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to transfer the 2020 moose harvest data to the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the transfer of the 2020 moose harvest data to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and send the letter. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Rich Janssen and **Gregory Wilson**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a noncompetitive negotiated contract with GEUM Environmental in the amount of \$9,142.50 to provide the Mission Creek monitoring closeout, project deliverables, and mitigation credits.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the contract with GEUM Environmental in the amount of \$9,142.50. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Len TwoTeeth).

Renee Joachim, Personnel Department, presented a request for incentive awards in the amount of \$1,000.00 each for the list of Tribal Forestry staff members: Peggy Haggard, Rose Pierre, Rodney Couture, Kelan Couture, Shinaasha Pete, Joseph Vanderburg, Allan Bunce, Shawn DeFrance, Kelly O'Bennick, Patrick Amborn, Matthew Pierre, Ridge Vanderburg, Terry Ashley, Michael McCrea, Michael Matt, Lenee Carlson, Kenneth Old Person, Leonard Grenier, Rene Pierre, Charlene Charlo, Jody Quequesah, Gerald McElderry, Adam Westerman, Justin Mays, Robert Charlo, Stephen McDonald, James Lozeau, Dale Nelson, and Julie McDonald.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the incentive awards in the amount of \$1,000.00 each for the list of Tribal Forestry staff. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Renee Joachim, Personnel Department, presented a request for an incentive award for Rick Eneas in the amount of \$1,500.00.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve an incentive award for Rick Eneas in the amount of \$1,500.00. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Renee Joachim, Personnel Department, presented a request for an incentive award for Jennifer Trahan in the amount of \$1,500.00.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve an incentive award for Jennifer Trahan in the amount of \$1,500.00. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Martin Charlo informed the Facebook Live audience that we have many shots available for the COVID vaccine. People can go to the csktribalhealth.org website or call 745-3525. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that the vaccine is also available for family members of tribal members.

Len TwoTeeth honored and paid tribute to Milton Nomee, who passed away this week. He was the patriarch to the family. On behalf of the Tribal Council, he gave his condolences to the family and requested that the Tribes send flowers and a condolence card to the family.

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

Jordan Thompson, Josh Brown, and Amerra Webster, Food Sovereignty Team, gave an update. They are rebuilding the equipment at the KHJCC site and putting in different ovens and steamers. There was no adequate ventilation, and some wiring/electrical work is needed to make sure the equipment is safe. They tried to put in a double oven at the Mission Senior Center. They said they needed a \$60,000.00 oven hood. The oven could be moved to the Long House since the oven hood there would work, and then get a different oven for the Mission Senior Center. They need \$12,000.00 for wiring at the Long House and \$1,500.00 for follow-up work at the Mission Senior Center. KHJCC needs a \$650.00 faucet. Jordan will verify that the Long House wants to do that. Jordan has some contracts that expire at the end of this month. The Irrigation folks are using the KHJCC office areas. Jordan spoke to John Neiss about separating the meters so they can assess the departments the appropriate amount. Right now, it works under one meter. They will spend \$3,750.00 to put two meters in the cafeteria so there is one for the Irrigation folks and one for the food folks. Jordan requested approval of a modification to the contract with Jack Helmsing Construction, LLC, to extend the term to September 30, 2021.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to modify the contract with Jack Helmsing Construction, LLC, to extend the term to September 30, 2021. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Len TwoTeeth); 1 not voting (Fred Matt out of the room).

Jordan Thompson requested approval of a contractor agreement with Sam Barber, Barber Enterprises, through April 30, 2021, to provide the service of

electrical repairs at the Mission Senior Center and the Long House, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve the contractor agreement with Sam Barber, Barber Enterprises, through April 30, 2021, to provide the service of electrical repairs at the Mission Senior Center and the Long House, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Len TwoTeeth); 1 not voting (Fred Matt out of the room).

Jordan Thompson, Josh Brown, and Amerra Webster, Food Sovereignty Team, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss food security.

Jordan Thompson, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Tom McDonald and **Stephanie Gillin**, Natural Resources Department; and **Amy Coffman**, Bison Range; requested approval of amended emergency regulations to include the auto tour road regulations and reaffirm the other ones. Then they will start the process to advertise everything for the TAPO requirement. Fishing was removed from the Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Regulations for the Bison Range. The regulations will be included in the map brochure. The use of drones is addressed in Ordinance 44-D. That would be emphasized at the Bison Range. Riding in the back of pickup trucks could be prohibited. **Len TwoTeeth** wants to allow fishing at the Bison Range by tribal members. Tom advised it must be under a permitted condition under the regulation approval each year. He could just strike it from the regulations. **Mike Dolson** discussed the allowance of hunting as a 44-D permitted activity. He suggested we take out hunt and hunting out of number 4 and put it in number 5 as prohibited. **Charmel Gillin** thought removing “is prohibited except” and replace it with “is allowed” sounded better. Tom commented that the language comes from the Fish & Wildlife Service Regulations and brochure. Tom will present back on Tuesday with the stated edits. **Stephanie Gillin** discussed design options for the brochure and showed the older version and proposed new version to the council. **Council** asked that they be sent a copy of the brochure. **Len TwoTeeth** wants the tribal flag on the brochure. **Bing Matt** suggested putting CSKT Bison Range on the signs. **Martin Charlo** suggested a different color scheme since this one is similar to SKC’s. **Steph Gillin** discussed upgrades needed to the Visitor Center. They will be updating the lighting, upgrading the bathrooms, and some painting. If approved, then Tom will work with John Neiss to get a contract to do the things that cannot be done in-house. It was the **consensus** of council to proceed.

Jami Pluff, Policy Analyst, presented for approval a letter providing comments to HHS. Jami sent an email to Chairwoman Fyant stating that the USDA

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comments are not due until March 31, 2021. Both comments are due on the 31st. Jami will prepare two separate comment letters if they cannot be combined. It was a separate executive order on the underserved communities. The letter she is requesting approval of contains the comments from the Tribal Health Department, Department of Human Resources Development, and Early Childhood Services. **Council** made some edits/corrections to the letter.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the letter, with corrections, to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding Tribal consultation and improving HHS Department policies and practices to better engage with Indian Country. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

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

Rick Eneas, Financial Management, met with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Council **adjourned** at 4:14 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Council Secretary