

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

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Held: September 14, 2021
Approved: September 16, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shelly Fyant, Chairwoman (2021 Annual Self-Governance Virtual Conference); 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 9:02 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Mike Dolson.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for September 9, 2021 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2021, with corrections. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

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

Len TwoTeeth commented that he is still receiving concerns about the length of time it takes to get the approved council minutes out to the public. Today's minutes will not get into the Char-Koosta News for a number of weeks. Len wants to strive to get today's minutes in next week's Char-Koosta News. Len requested that the chairwoman follow up with Rob McDonald so the minutes are published in a timely manner. **Anita Matt** informed council that she receives the same concerns from the membership.

Len TwoTeeth brought up the incident of August 17, 2021. It is now September 14, and we have yet to address the issue. Council discussed it briefly yesterday and he wants council to take an action today to move forward with an investigation into the complaint brought forward by a tribal member. The council had asked Martin to take the lead on this and look at some resources to assist us with this investigation. Once the investigation is completed, council can then move forward with an action or not, but it is something we need to address. That incident caused a lot of turmoil within the Tribes. There are a lot of concerned tribal members on how we are moving forward. It is very troubling how that specific incident not only divided the council and families, but it divided the Tribes and is something we need to take seriously and address. Before today's end, Len wants council to take action on it. **Martin Charlo** commented that it was brought up yesterday and there was a consensus of council to find an independent organization to review said allegations. Martin has full faith in our people here, but the nature and seriousness of the allegations rise to a level of having an independent body look at it so there will no ability for people to make an allegation that we are having our own people sweep things under the rug. We owe that to the membership. We have to earn back the trust of a lot of people. This incident did not just affect a few; it affected all of us and we need to take ownership of it. That is one thing that could help a situation; we have not heard from all the parties that were involved allegedly, and as a council we need to regain some trust with each other. This is the first step in that. Martin has a few leads on where the independent review will be, and he will bring in a contract on Thursday. **Ellie Bundy McLeod** agreed but she did not know what other action to take if Martin is preparing a contract; the decision made yesterday to move forward and have a contract coming in is our action, so she did not know what action we would take today. **Carole Lankford** commented that if we are expending funds, it needs to be a council action, but we can wait until a contract comes in if council wants to wait. The Election Board committed to issuing a letter and she has not seen that yet. **Mike Dolson** told her that a memo was sent to all council candidates. **Jennifer Trahan** informed council that the letter was mailed to all candidates last Thursday. **Carole Lankford** mentioned that Tom McDonald came into council and commented on this issue, and it needs to go to the public so they know a determination was made by the Election Board whether there was any conspiracy or wrongdoing that was done. **Mike Dolson** responded that he made a statement the week following August 17 and that comment was in the council minutes, so that went out to the public.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to move forward with the investigation of the complaint that was submitted by the tribal member. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 6 for; 1 opposed (Mike Dolson).

Martin Charlo clarified that he is getting more than one proposal and is working with Rick on the contract. Rick Eneas should be able to prepare it by Thursday if Martin gets the information to him soon enough.

Martin Charlo commented that we have the Delta variant here, which is more severe than COVID-19. We need to keep an eye on our elders, children, and anyone who is unvaccinated. There is a serious problem with available hospital beds and even the Idaho beds are getting full. A high percentage of those hospitalized are unvaccinated. Martin attended an event at The People's Center; masks were required and worn without question. Regarding the idea that people are throwing out that the masks are a way to control us, he encouraged everyone to look back at our history. These things are not fake. We have lost millions of people to diseases before vaccines were here. If the smallpox vaccine was not available, our population would be very different today. Eventually when we look at vaccines for our people and the workplace, we need to be cognizant of the people around us and learn the science better and look at the millions of people that got the vaccine. Everyone had side effects from the vaccine, such as a headache, fatigue, and minor things compared to being on a respirator or dying or taking away a hospital bed from someone with medical issues. He engaged people over the weekend, and they had professionals telling them what they see every day and they were spewing rhetoric that is scientifically unproven. These people work in our buildings, and they are flippant about masks and following the mandates. Every day is a choice. As a people we need to look out for each other and need to do a better job. Lake County had 239 cases, and probably have more cases now. He mentioned looking at all the actions we took to protect our people from this illness. Martin is not advocating anything yet, but we control this now. The tourists have left, and that excuse is gone now. He encouraged everyone to wear a mask out in public. We, as leaders, need to do our part and set an example. **Anita Matt** reported that the Plains and Noxon Schools are closed now due to COVID cases.

Martin Charlo announced he will be hosting the Pablo District Meeting this Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m., in the council chambers. A meal will be provided. Wearing a mask and social distancing will be required. Agenda topics include Council initiative update, SKC report, Bison Hunt, and Tribal Education Department.

Carole Lankford informed council that she had a personnel issue and she sent it to Clayton Matt and Rick Eneas. This is the second time it has been brought up, and she thought it would have been handled by now.

Ellie Bundy McLeod gave a report on last night's St. Ignatius District Meeting. She thanked Martin Charlo for being there, Jennifer Trahan and Xavier from IT for being helpful. Her next district meeting is scheduled for October 11. Ellie gave a shoutout to Tom McDonald, Dan McClure, and Janet Camel for their presentations.

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department; and **Heather Denny**, Office of Public Instruction; requested approval of a resolution. that money from AARPA homeless education grants. The Ronan and St. Ignatius schools were recipients. The St. Ignatius School wants to partner with TED to provide services to homeless students. The money will flow through the St. Ignatius School District. They want to contract with Tribal Education to identify homeless students and provide services to those students.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution authorizing the Tribal Education Department to apply for funding from the Montana Office of Public Instruction for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 21-122

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS GRANT

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

WHEREAS, The Montana Office of Public Instruction has published a request for proposals under the McKinney-Vento Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department is the authorized Tribal Education Agency of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department, on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, desires to increase and enhance partnerships and collaboration between the tribes, state and local Education systems to ensure that every child and youth experiencing homelessness has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to their peers living in stable housing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Montana Office of Public Instruction be requested to make available a grant, pursuant to the terms of the request for proposal, to the Tribal Education Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council or her delegated representative is authorized to execute the transactional documents necessary to administer the grant on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Charmel Gillin joined the meeting.

Greg Spahr, Cash Flow & Investments, requested approval of a resolution authorizing setup and signatory authority for the bank account at Eagle Bank called CSKT, BPA Stewardship Checking Account.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the resolution authorizing setup and signatory authority for the bank account at Eagle Bank called CSKT, BPA Stewardship Checking Account. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 21-123

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETUP AND SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE BANK ACCOUNT AT EAGLE BANK IN POLSON MT CALLED: CSKT, BPA STEWARDSHIP CHECKING ACCOUNT

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes designate Eagle Bank of Polson MT to conduct day to day CSKT, BPA Stewardship Checking Account business as the Tribe's designated depository, and

WHEREAS, the purpose is for the receipt of disbursement from Bonneville Power Administration Stewardship Agreement as well as the ongoing traditional banking functions that will arise in the future relating to the implementation of Stewardship activities.

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to authorize employee signatures for CSKT BPA Stewardship Checking Account, and

Account Name

Account Number

CSKT – BPA Stewardship Checking Account

(tbd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that all CSKT BPA Stewardship Checking Account activity on said accounts from Eagle Bank, in Polson, MT, from the approved date of this resolution will be signed by two of the following:

Clayton Matt

Rick Eneas

Zachary Conko Camel

Lance Friedlander

Director of Tribal Services

Executive Officer

Accounting Manager

General Ledger Manager

whose signature shall be duly certified to said bank, and that no checks against said accounts shall be valid unless so signed,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks whether such checks be payable to the order of any such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, or to the individual credit or any of the other officers or not. This resolution shall continue forth in the Certification of an authorized representative, accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said bank or in any similar subsequent Certificate until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said bank.

Greg Spahr, Cash Flow & Investments, requested approval of a resolution authorizing setup and signatory authority for the investment account at LPL, Financial via French Wealth Management titled CSKT, BPA Stewardship Account.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the resolution authorizing setup and signatory authority for the investment account at LPL, Financial via French Wealth Management titled CSKT, BPA Stewardship Account. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 21-124

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETUP AND SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT AT LPL, FINANCIAL via FRENCH WEALTH MANAGEMENT TITLED: CSKT, BPA STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes designate LPL Financial, French Wealth Management, in Kalispell, MT to conduct day to day CSKT, BPA Stewardship Investment business as one of the Tribe's designated investment companies, and

WHEREAS, the purpose is to allocate the funds there-in in accordance with the Investment Policy presented to Bonneville Power Administration and approved for this settlement and as amended going forward, of the CSKT/BPA Stewardship Agreement as well as the ongoing traditional investment that will arise in the future relating to the implementation of Stewardship activities.

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to authorize employee signatures for CSKT BPA Stewardship Investment Account, and

Account Name

Account Number

CSKT – BPA Stewardship Investment Account (tbd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that all CSKT BPA Stewardship Investment Account activity on said accounts from LPL Financial, French Wealth Management, in Kalispell, MT, from the approved date of this resolution will be signed by the following:

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| Rick Eneas | Executive Officer |
| Zachary Conko Camel | Accounting Manager |
| Lance Friedlander | General Ledger Manager |
| Greg Spahr | Investment Manager |

whose signature shall be duly certified to said Investment Company,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall continue forth and when delivered to said institution will continue until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said institution.

Council met in **executive session**. **Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Ann Miller, Stephen Hunt, and Susette Billedeaux, Tribal Defenders Office, gave an update on Morning Star. The construction was completed in early January 2021. On June 8, 2021, the residents began moving in. Kathleen from BeSmart is the property manager. The program has received 53 applications to date. The criteria include a risk tool, CSKT membership, Tribal Defender Office clients, homeless or at risk for chronic homelessness, and will benefit from the services offered. There are 9 males and 5 females. 3 residents are reentering from incarceration and 2 came from medical facilities. Half of the residents are on probation or parole. There was a policy for no visitors due to COVID, but that became difficult for the residents so they opened it up for visitors. The maximum is 14 days a visitor can visit at one time. The staff is building relationships with the community and service providers. The Lake County Extension Office has been engaged to do gardens. The staff meets regularly with Beaux/Simone Consulting, and they did some training for Morning Star and Tribal Defenders staff. They plan to do a site visit this month. Jody Perez has always been helpful with working through issues every step of the way and supporting their efforts at Morning Star. Ann would like to see the ability to expand the space, move next door to establish a campus and community kitchen for the ability of people

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to cook their own food, have storage onsite, do more programming, and to have a secured entrance to control access to the property. Ann is developing a policy as guidance for the staff and there are lease agreements with the residents. The clients have to financially qualify, which goes through SKHA. **Carole Lankford** informed Ann that Dana Comes At Night is interested in helping and Carole told her to contact Ann. **Charmel Gillin** realizes we need a different approach in some of our communities, like a radical response to desperate areas. She hopes we can come up with more options. She asked about the screening process for the male/female ratio and if that is a fair representation of the clientele, or will we see more need in that area. **Susette Billedeaux** has seen plenty of male and female applications, so it is a fair representation of the applications they are receiving. The Providence money the program received is for activities for the clients, and that is why they bought a van. **Stephen Hunt** reported that the program hopes to have activities where clients can do activities on the land instead of being confined to a small space and implement cultural activities. They would like to purchase another piece of property so they can have more space and expand. They are creating a class for clients to address food issues and they will have a cooking class. **Martin Charlo** thought the corner property was a good idea. The funding coming in would be beneficial. We could intertwine it with food sovereignty and maybe have some cooperation with different departments, especially with all the resolutions council passed since some of them overlap each other. Having the basic necessities are critically important and can change people's lives. Martin commended the staff for helping us have a healthier community.

Rhonda Swaney, Legal Department, discussed the Water Management Board that needs to be established as soon as the water compact becomes effective. She expects signature of it before September 21. The Montana Water Court requested a status conference on our water right claims that day. Legal was notified by the Department of Interior and Department of Justice that everything is a go, and we will have the Secretary's signature next week. That puts a lot of things in motion for what we need to do to implement the compact. The board will consist of 5 members. 2 members will be appointed by the Tribal Council, 2 will be appointed by the Governor, and 1 will be agreed upon by all 4 members. The qualifications of board members are the person must reside on the reservation and must do business within the reservation boundaries or own or maintain a seasonal residence on the reservation. No elected officials can be appointed to serve on the board, but employees and contractors can be. Board members should have education and experience in one or more of the fields of natural resources management, public administration, agriculture, engineering, commerce or finance, hydrology, biological science, and water law or water policy. The Water Board takes the place of the DNRC in considering water rights matters on the reservation. It will give the Tribes and nontribal members residing on the reservation a say on how the water will be developed, changes

and uses, and recognition of existing rights. They intend to have very qualified people and do not just want political appointees.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to advertise for two weeks in the Char-Koosta News. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Rhonda Swaney, Legal Department; and **Greg Spahr**, Cash Flow & Investments; presented for approval the BPA stewardship agreement and resolution which brings \$9M into the stewardship account to address mitigation issues and provides Fisheries appropriate resources to offset the M&O expenses.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the memorandum of agreement and the resolution. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 21-125

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES (“TRIBES”)

WHEREAS, the construction of Hungry Horse Dam in the Tribes’ treaty-ceded territory has resulted in numerous impacts to resident fish, and

WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has obligations, pursuant to the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (a.k.a. the “Northwest Power Act”), 16 U.S.C. §§ 839-839h, to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by the development of federal hydroelectric projects of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has entered into several agreements with the Bonneville Power Administration for mitigation of the Hungry Horse Dam’s construction and inundation impacts on resident fish, and

WHEREAS, the Tribes acquire real properties under those agreements which is used for resident fish mitigation and habitat protection projects, and

WHEREAS, the Tribes incur operations and maintenance (a.k.a stewardship) costs for those properties; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes and BPA have negotiated an agreement under which BPA would provide funding for these stewardship costs in the form of a nine million dollar (\$9,000,000) endowment fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES, that the Tribal

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Chairwoman is authorized to sign the “Stewardship Memorandum of Agreement between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the Bonneville Power Administration”.

Rhonda Swaney and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department, gave an update. The council agreed to meet with the Department of State about the Elk River. That meeting is set for September 23, at 10:00 a.m. In attendance will be the Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, International Tribal Affairs, Region 8, Region 10, and Water Policy Advisor. There will be a luncheon after the meeting.

Rhonda Swaney, **Stu Levit**, **John Harrison**, and **Dan Decker**, Legal Department; **Ryan Rusche**, Chief of Staff; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters. **Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, was present for discussion.

Ellie Bundy McLeod left the meeting to participate in the virtual MMIP National Symposium.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the contract modification for Shane Morigeau. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Ellie Bundy McLeod out of the room).

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the contract modification for Jordan Thompson. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Ellie Bundy McLeod out of the room).

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve the contract modification for Chelsea Colwyn. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Ellie Bundy McLeod out of the room).

Martin Charlo announced he is hosting the Pablo District Meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. There will also be zoom link available and it will be on Facebook. Individually packaged dinners will be provided. Individuals will be required to wear a mask and social distance. Topics on the agenda include the Tribal Health Department, Salish Kootenai College, Tribal Education Department, Bison Hunt, and Council updates.

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

Bing Matt left the meeting on personal time off for the remainder of the day to go to a medical appointment.

Tony Incashola, Sr., Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee; **MaryJane Charlo, Shirley Trahan, Vi Trahan, Nalani Linsebigler, Sadi Stops, Stephen Smallsalmon, Eva Boyd**, and **Rita Adams**, Elder Advisory Committee; met with council for an elders meeting. **Carole Lankford** asked Tony if there has been any succession planning for the Culture Committee. Tony responded that he has considered retirement. He has worked for the Culture Committee for 46 years. Tony hopes he can find the right person and he wants the council to allow him to be part of the selection of his successor. He wants his replacement to have the same thoughts and goals as him. It is important to continue the continuity. Tony talked about the creation stories. We have been building on that for the past 12,000 years. **Carole Lankford** suggested moving the Culture Committees back on top of the organizational chart where they were located prior to the reorganization. **Anita Matt** advised that the agenda topics for this meeting included boarding schools, Resolution 21-085 regarding council priority to fully integrate traditional values and language, and medical marijuana. Tony looks at the program's role as being an advisory and retaining the language and culture. Everyone's role is to maintain that foundation for the next generations. Our language was taken away from us to weaken us. Now that our language is coming back, we have taken control of many things and have been successful.

MaryJane Charlo talked about road closures. Tribal members should be able to camp and fish in the mountains before anyone else because it is our land. Being crowded out by nonmembers is wrong. The nonmembers have the whole United States to go do what they want to do, and they do not need to be on our lands. She supports closing tribal lands to nontribal members. **Stephen Smallsalmon** talked about the succession and who would take over Tony's position. That is scary to him, and we need to watch that. He talked to the students today and they told him he needs to be their teacher for another ten years. Stephen talks Indian and tries to hang on to the language. He is glad we continue to move forward. **Shirley Trahan** thinks about what we lived through and what our folks lived through, and it is so divided. She is not saying it is wrong; we have different ways of thinking, and it makes it hard for our people. Those who lived the cultural way of life grew up being close with everybody and helped each other out. It is a different time now. So many things have happened already, and she does not have the answers. There is a lot of alcohol and drug addiction. Our young people do not know their relatives. We have lived through hard times and that is why we are here today doing what we do, because we lived through those hard times even if it hurt. Shirley read that the council is working on something about mental health. She has a family member with mental health issues, and she tries to help as much as she can. There are things being done for homeless people and the people with mental health issues should be looked after too and have someone take care of them. Shirley has family members that know nothing about spirituality, and she worries what will happen to them and the old people and who will help the elders. She is thankful to have her job. Shirley used to be able to go to the woods and lake by herself, but now she will

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not go since she is by herself. Hopefully we can teach the children things that will keep our reservation going for them, they know their identity, and help each other.

Vi Trahan gives thanks for Tony's good words and stories about our elders. She thinks about what our elders did for us, their prayers for us, and what they went through. She prays for them and gives them thanks. We went through many years of battling for water rights and the Bison Range, and it is here; and she hopes we can take care of everything the best way possible so we can show people we can manage these places. Vi prays our qualified people are taking good care of these things and they are protected so they do not leave. It is scary to think about who could take over Tony's position. Nobody hears a thank-you or that they are doing a good job. There comes a time when people need to stop and take care of themselves. She hopes we can find someone good that can shadow Tony for a while. Vi thanks Stephen and Nkwusm for all they do. She feels everyone is doing a good job at the Culture Committee and Nkwusm.

Tony Incashola, Sr. commented that nowadays we do not travel without an attorney in our pocket. Our elders did not have those tools and look at how much they gave us by using their own wisdom and their vision for the future. It wasn't for them; it was for us sitting here today. It is important to care for our land and environment. we need to keep separate the suyapi vision along with our own vision. their vision cannot become our vision. we are told that we need to move w the times; that's not necessarily true. We used to be able to leave our doors unlocked and leave our vehicle anywhere we wanted to, and all was okay. Last week their shed was broken into. There is a level of disrespect now. The Tribes have pride to exercise our sovereignty and control the water, operate the dam, and protect the bison. Instead of suppressing fires, we used fire to help. We have a greenhouse to help our nature that lost so many things through destruction. We try to put back what was once there. Our bitterroot, camas, and cultural areas are being destroyed for development. We are starting to buy back the lands that were taken from us. We have a lot to be proud of and thankful for as a Tribe. We are fighting the things that were taken from us. The boarding schools tried to take away our spirituality, culture, prayers, language, and our children. That is where we almost lost when we were punished for using our language. Some people did not make it through the punishment. Tony's grandmother survived it, and therefore, Tony survived. The things that the suyapi made him ashamed of when he was younger are now things that makes him very proud. Our people went through a lot of things and survived. He talked about drugs and alcohol. We have our own medicines. There are some elders who have constant pain. The elders still smile, talk, and laugh while being in pain. Some people go to the doctor and get pills, and then pretty soon they want more. Now marijuana has been coming up. People say it can help those who are in pain. If it is guaranteed useful to help the pain the elders have, then he is not opposed to it. Tony does not care for people who are hurting that need

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medicine, while there are other people who want it for recreation. There are so many things to do outside to recreate. Walking and hiking is the best thing they can do. It is the same way people want to use alcohol or drugs for recreation.

Stephen Smallsalmon told the Tribal Council that they need to respect the elders and they should not have a time limit when meeting with the Tribal Council. He was an alcoholic and went to treatment, so he got fixed up and quit drinking. Stephen had to change his ways and it was hard. Some people probably went to prison for marijuana and now they are coming in saying it is good for you. His wife has had medical issues for ten years, so she went to the doctor; they fixed her up and she no longer has pain. Stephen is opposed to marijuana. **Martin Charlo** listens to what the elders say, and he appreciates the time he has been able to spend with them. Lake County has 80 new cases and there are 249 active COVID cases. We need to look out for our elders and vulnerable population. Martin has some masks if anyone needs one. We need to do better. He encouraged everyone to wash your hands, social distance, wear a mask, and get vaccinated, and think about who you are protecting. We have lost a lot of people to this virus, and he does not want to lose anymore people. Martin invited the elders to participate in the Pablo District Meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. There will be a link for people to join via zoom. The Tribal Health Department will be providing a report and information on the vaccine and boosters.

Stephen Smallsalmon wants the council to help Nkwusm with a fence and a sidewalk. **Anita Matt** told him that Nkwusm needs to meet with the Budget Committee.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 2:55 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Council Secretary