

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

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Held: January 10, 2017
Approved: January 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vernon Finley, Chairman; Leonard TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Troy Felsman, Secretary; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Patty Stevens; Leonard Gray; Ronald Trahan; and Carole Lankford.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Clairmont (Indian Water Rights Settlements - Seattle, Washington); and Shelly Fyant (Personal Time Off - Family Emergency).

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:10 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Ron Trahan.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for December 29, 2016 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for December 29, 2016, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval. No conflicts of interest were identified.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to approve the agenda, with additions. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Mark Couture, Mission Volunteer Fire Department, requested permission to hold an ice rescue training at Mission Dam and a free day-use permit for anyone who does not have a recreation permit from the other volunteer fire departments. The event is planned for January 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to allow the Mission Volunteer Fire Department to hold an ice rescue training at Mission Dam and issue a free

day-use permit for anyone who does not have a recreation permit from the other volunteer fire departments. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Anita Matt received a phone call from Dorene Blixt wanting the tribal council to revisit the burial policy. The family went over the \$5,000 burial allowance and had to pay the cost of the crime lab. **Len TwoTeeth** was told that anytime the Tribes increase the burial allowance the mortuaries increase their fees. Council just approves any over-expenditures that are validated. **Ron Trahan** clarified that the burial allowance was intended to provide assistance towards funeral costs; it was not intended to pay for the entire cost. **Carole Lankford** thought that the cost of the crime lab was not a normal burial cost and she is not sure why the family had to pay that cost. **Council** will follow up with the Enrollment Office.

Patty Stevens received a phone call from the Garden City Funeral Home regarding nonpayment for services. **Jennifer Trahan** will follow up.

Len TwoTeeth discussed snowplowing. There are tribal members that are disabled that want to be provided snowplowing services but do not meet the income guidelines or the age requirements. Len will obtain further information and report back.

Bryon Miller, S&K Gaming, LLC, requested approval to submit a \$350,000 grant to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The funding would be used to develop the master plan portion for the development of the Big Arm property.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve by resolution submission of a \$350,000 grant to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for S&K Gaming, LLC. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-063

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY

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 has adopted a mission that includes investing in our people in a manner that ensures our ability to become a completely self-sufficient society and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes established S&K Gaming, LLC, to create and enhance employment for Tribal members and to increase revenues for the benefit of the Tribes as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes are eligible to apply for funds under the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Grant to assist with staff training and the improvements of Big Arm Marina as a viable resource for future economic development for S&K Gaming, LLC; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes hereby submit an application to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for an Economic Development Grant to continue training of current staff and the improvements of Big Arm Marina as a viable resource for future economic development as described in S&K Gaming, LLC's letter attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and his designated official(s) are authorized to execute the grant and any amendments thereto.

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

Laurence Kenmille, Alberta Bertsch and **Marilyn Adams**, Enrollment Office, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to provide an update on research the staff is working on.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Rodney Bird, Two Eagle River School Superintendent; **Leroy Black, Jr.**, Two Eagle River School Board Chairman; requested authorization to allow tribal employees to make financial contributions to the school through payroll deduction; and authorization to send out an email on the "everyone email" to announce the voluntary payroll deduction. **Vern Clairmont**, Financial Management, joined the discussion. Council action is required to set up the payroll deduction.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to allow tribal employees to make financial contributions to Two Eagle River School through payroll deduction; and authorization for TERS to send out an email on the "everyone email" to announce the voluntary payroll deduction. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Gypsy Ray, Lake County Community Development Corporation Executive Director; and **Janet Camel**, Lake County Community Development Corporation Board of Directors; gave an annual report on the LCCDC. LCCDC is a nonprofit corporation and serves Lake, Mineral and Sanders Counties, and

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the Flathead Reservation. There is a retreat in September and 8 other sessions throughout the year.

Joe Durglo, Tribal Health Department, requested authorization to hire Rhonda Hernandez to fill the Paid Care Patient Accounts Representative position on a two year employment contract. The vacancy was advertised and she was the only applicant.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to authorize the hire of Rhonda Hernandez to fill the Paid Care Patient Accounts Representative position on a two year contract, due to no qualified tribal member applicants. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Joe Durglo requested confirmation of the Health Committee meeting scheduled for this Friday. **Patty Stevens** told him that as chairman of the committee she had already confirmed the meeting with Anna Whiting Sorrell and she wants notice sent out to everyone.

Patty Stevens wants the tribal council to have a discussion on whether the Tribal Health Department and Pharmacy should be open and staffed when the tribal offices are closed. **Carole Lankford** thought that should be a department head determination. There are mechanisms in place for patients to fill prescriptions when tribal offices are closed. **Len TwoTeeth** wanted to have a discussion about getting the dialysis patients to their appointments when offices are closed. **Joe Durglo** assured council that transportation is provided to dialysis patients; that has not been an issue.

Steve Dupuis submitted to tribal council his letter of interest for the S&K Technologies Board of Directors. The vacancy already closed. **Jennifer Trahan** announced that interviews are scheduled for next week. **Council** told Steve that he needed to apply for the position by the deadline.

Kim Swaney and **Grey Johnson**, Preservation Office, advertised for some Cultural Resource Field Technician positions. There were 6 tribal member applicants, but there was some difficulty getting the applicants to take a pre-hire drug test. Kim requested authorization to hire Kayla Johnson to fill the vacancy on a one year contract.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to authorize the hire of Kayla Johnson to fill the Culture Resource Field Technician position on a one year contract, due to the circumstances. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 6 for; 1 opposed (Carole Lankford); 1 abstention (Patty Stevens – conflict of interest).

Kim Swaney and **Grey Johnson**, Preservation Office, received the Hungry Horse contract for \$29,000 and requested authorization to proceed with the

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resolution. **No action taken.** Council requested that the department submit an issue paper and resolution.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Council **adjourned** at 11:23 a.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary