

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

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Held: March 16, 2017
Approved: March 23, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Troy Felsman, Secretary; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Dennis Clairmont; Leonard Gray; Patty Stevens; Carole Lankford; Ronald Trahan; and Shelly Fyant.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vernon Finley, Chairman (REZ Conference); and Leonard TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman (Personal Time Off).

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; Bill Kehoe, Sergeant at Arms; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:09 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Patty Stevens.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 2, 2017 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2017, with corrections. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

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

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with additions. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Ramona Liberty informed council that Tribal Health has refused to pay for services recommended by a qualified physician based on the ranking system that the THD uses to determine who receives services. **Kevin Howlett** and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, explained the process that any specialty care recommended by a patient's primary care provider gets referred to the medical review team and then the business office makes a decision based on the level of care. Kevin could not respond to all the denials by the Indian Health Service because the Tribal Health Department did not assume the program until December 1, 2016. **Rio Liberty** discussed medical issues he

has, as well. **Kevin Howlett** will follow up.

Kevin Howlett, **Joe Durglo** and **Bing Matt**, Tribal Health Department; and **George Ducharme**, Tribal Lands Department; located a venue in Hot Springs for a clinic and requested approval to enter into a buy/sell agreement to make the purchase.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the buy/sell agreement to purchase the lot in Hot Springs. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Kevin Howlett and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a revised organizational chart to change the title of the Data Entry Coordinator to a Certified Medical Coder position. It will be an exempt position.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to approve the revised organizational chart to change the title of the Data Entry Coordinator to a Certified Medical Coder position, and exempt the position. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Troy Felsman requested an update on the Veterans Affairs position. Council has received a lot of positive feedback on a former employee that once held that position and many of the veterans want that employee brought back. **Joe Durglo** informed council that the vacancy had to be readvertised, due to a lack of applicants. The other staff members have been picking up that workload since the position remains vacant at this time. **Kevin Howlett** assured council that he will attempt to bring some closure to this matter. Kevin said maybe he could explore advertising for an RFP instead of going through the employment route.

Patty Stevens confirmed that the last Friday of the month is the day set aside for the health committee meetings.

Gabe Johnson, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to award a contract and approval of a contract agreement with Glacier Land Sand and Gravel to perform heavy hauling and material services for the Safety of Dams/Roads Program.

MOTION by Anita Matt to award a contract and approval of a contract agreement with Glacier Land Sand and Gravel to perform heavy hauling and material services for the Safety of Dams/Roads Program. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Gabe Johnson, Natural Resources Department, requested approval and signature of an attestation letter for exemption from federal excise tax on a

dump truck that Safety of Dams will be leasing from Sovereign Leasing.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to approve and sign the attestation letter for exemption from federal excise tax on a dump truck that Safety of Dams will be leasing from Sovereign Leasing. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Rich Janssen, Paula Webster, Georgia Smies, Mike Durglo, and Tom McDonald, Natural Resources Department; and **Thompson Smith**, Salish Culture Committee; requested approval of comments that are due by tomorrow. **Shelly Fyant** commented on the meeting with FWP, DNRC staff, and the NRD staff. There was a hired facilitator and it was a structured meeting. One of the Fish, Wildlife & Parks officials verbally attacked Georgia and Thompson, which was very inappropriate. We took the high road and Shelly commended the staff for their expertise and professionalism for the way they handled themselves yesterday.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve the comments. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Paula Webster wants to offer public meetings to provide a PowerPoint presentation on aquatic invasive species. **Dennis Clairmont** requested that Paula attend his April 3 district meeting. **Troy Felsman** asked Paula to schedule a time to meet with council after a chairman's meeting.

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

Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 10:46 a.m. to conduct an S&K Technologies shareholder meeting.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Shelly Fyant left the meeting for the remainder of the day to meet with Senator Tester's staff in Missoula regarding the TIGER grant.

Jan Gardipe, Personnel Department, met with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Anita Matt to appoint by acclamation Peter White and Charmel McClure-Sternick to serve on the S&K Business Board of Directors. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, 6 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

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

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the S&K Technologies Board of Directors vacancy. **Jan Gardipe**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

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

Council met in **executive session** to discuss the Shoreline Protection Board vacancies. There are two tribal member vacancies and two applicants; and one nontribal member vacancy and one applicant.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Steve Dupuis to serve on the S&K Technologies Board of Directors for a four-year term. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

MOTION by Patty Stevens to appoint by acclamation Tony Incashola, Jr. to serve a three-year term; Steve Dupuis to serve a 1.5-year term; and Robert Stone to serve a three-year term on the Shoreline Protection Board. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Laurence Kenmille, Alberta Bertsch and **Marilyn Adams**, Enrollment Office, met with council in **executive session** to discuss enrollment matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to approve by resolution the blood degree correction of Louis Matt, Sr. and his descendants from one-half to three-quarters. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 5 for; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions (Carole Lankford and Anita Matt).

RESOLUTION 17-093

AUTHORIZING THE CORRECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR IN THE BLOOD QUANTUM OF MARY MATT LAMMEROUX (203-UO-2156), BAPTISTE MATT (203-UO-305), ALEXANDER MATT (203-UO-316), PETER MATT (203-UO-290), LOUIS COSACK MATT, ESTER MATT DUMONTIER, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

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

WHEREAS, An administrative error was made in the determination Mary Matt Lammeroux (203-UO-2156), Baptiste Matt (203-UO-305), Alexander Matt (203-

UO-316), Peter Matt (203-UO-290), Louis Cosack Matt, Ester Matt Dumontier, and their descendants;

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes until November 23, 1953, utilized all Indian blood in enrolling members who met the eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, documentation from the family indicate Louis Matt, Sr. to be of Metis blood and to be considered Metis was considered 1/2. 1860 Census lists his children as full bloods. He was considered white in determining descendants' blood degree;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby authorizes the correction of an administrative error in the blood quantum Mary Matt Lammeroux (203-UO-2156), Baptiste Matt (203-UO-305), Alexander Matt (203-UO-316), Peter Matt (203-UO-290), Louis Cosack Matt, Ester Matt Dumontier, and their descendants, and to reflect that change on their descendants' blood quantum;

BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council that any descendants whose blood quantum be corrected and made eligible for enrollment shall not receive back tribal dividend payments.

Laurence Kenmille, Alberta Bertsch and Marilyn Adams, Enrollment Office, presented a request to correct the blood degree of Joseph Granjo and his descendants.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to approve by resolution the blood degree correction of Joseph Granjo and his descendants. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, 4 for; 0 opposed; 3 abstentions (Carole Lankford, Troy Felsman and Ron Trahan).

RESOLUTION 17-094

AUTHORIZING THE CORRECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR IN THE BLOOD QUANTUM OF JOSEPH GRANJO (Joe-te-ous) AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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

WHEREAS, An administrative error was made in 1905 Indian Census Record in the determination of Joseph Granjo's (Joe-te-ous) blood quantum and his descendants; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census documents (1900 United States Federal Census) clearly indicates that Joseph Granjo (Joe-te-ous) was considered 4/4 blood quantum; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby authorizes the correction of an administrative error in the blood quantum of Joseph Granjo (Joe-te-ous) and his descendants to reflect 4/4 blood quantum;

BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council that any descendants whose blood quantum be corrected and made eligible for enrollment shall not receive back tribal dividend payments.

Steve McDonald, Tribal Forestry; and **Clayton Matt**, Tribal Services; requested approval of the Timber Use Policy Statement. **No action taken.** Council wanted additional time to review the document.

Mike Durglo, Natural Resources Department, informed council that he received a message from Ann Carlson about Bears Ears National Monument. Mr. Zinke will be at the monument tomorrow and will try to abolish the seven tribes' efforts to set that national park aside. They want to share that letter to Zinke with Senator Tester and Senator Daines, and share the letter with a media reporter in the area that is trying to help the tribe. This is the first-ever tribal national monument. It was the **consensus** of council to proceed as outlined.

Patty Stevens informed council that Brenda Solorzano, CEO of the Headwaters Health Foundation, will be visiting and touring the Tribal Health facilities.

John Harrison, Legal Department, met with council regarding the request for the Steve Daines' nomination letter.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Council **adjourned** at 3:16 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary