

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

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Council Chambers, Pablo, MT

Held: March 23, 2017
Approved: March 30, 2017

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary; and Bill Kehoe, Sergeant at Arms.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:15 a.m. Quorum established. **Carole Lankford** will join the meeting later this morning.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 16, 2017 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2017, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt.

SUBSIDIARY MOTION by Ron Trahan to rescind Resolution No. 17-093. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 7 for; 2 abstentions (Anita Matt and Vernon Finley).

Motion Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Vernon Finley).

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

MOTION by Patty Stevens to approve the agenda, with additions. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Laurence Kenmille, Catherine Baylor and **Pam Wilson** received correspondence from Mr. Ed Songers, who is researching women enlisted worldwide and he found that Regina McIntyre Early enlisted into World War 1. There is a dedication celebrating the 100th anniversary of World War 1 that will take place in Billings at the Yellowstone Court House on April 6 to honor

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23 Montana women who served in World War 1. Regina enlisted in 1917 and died in 1923. She fought in the war and served in France at a time that she was not a United States citizen or had the right to vote. It is an inspiration that Regina accomplished that in light of all the obstacles she faced at that time. Regina is the first Native American woman to serve in World War 1. Laurence requested that the Mission Valley Honor Guard women participate in the dedication.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to cover the travel expenses for Catherine Baylor, Pam Wilson and Lisa Shourds to attend the honoring event for Regina McIntyre Early. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Dennis Clairmont told the joke of the day.

Janet Camel, Economic Development, gave an update on the Hot Springs Bathhouse project and requested approval to extend the contract with D1 Design and Cortner Architectural Company for an additional three months and to revise the amount by an additional \$18,000 and scope of work, to be funded by the Big Sky Trust Fund grant. It is estimated that the bath house could be constructed in three years.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to extend the contract with D1 Design and Cortner Architectural Company for an additional three months and revise the amount by an additional \$18,000 and scope of work, to be funded by the Big Sky Trust Fund grant. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Janet Camel, Economic Development, requested authorization to include a Workforce Enhancement flyer with the April per capita mailings. The program will identify training needs and assist with job placement.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to authorize inclusion of a Workforce Enhancement flyer with the April per capita mailings. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Janet Camel handed out a list of the business classes that will be offered this spring. The information will be posted on tribal web site, intranet and flyers will be posted. Janet announced that there will be a business owners meeting on

April 19.

Rich Janssen and **Tom McDonald**, Natural Resources Department, informed council that Jordan Thompson is monitoring HB 646, HB 622 and SB 363, which pertain to aquatic invasive species funding, having a council oversight of operations, and having a council overseeing operations in the Columbia River Basin. Shelly Fyant will be attending the hearing tomorrow. Rich will be scheduled on Tuesday's agenda to seek approval of a letter to Governor Bullock providing the Tribes' concerns and recommendations.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to adopt the recommendations and implement the emergency actions. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Rich Janssen, Tom McDonald, Georgia Smies, and Paula Webster, Natural Resources Department, continued discussion on the Zebra/Quagga Mussel threat. The team is working on a public outreach and education campaign; it is important for boaters to be educated. Prevention and early detection is vital. They requested approval of the list of recommendations and to implement the emergency actions consisting of: send a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation relating to their responsibility in managing the Missouri River system dams and respective reservoirs to prevent AIS impacts to tribal trust resources; and implement the following emergency actions for this boating season: (1) all watercraft must be inspected and cleared for launching into any Flathead Reservation waterbody by a certified boat inspector; (2) all watercraft and trailers must be completely clean, drained and dry on all interior and exterior surfaces before launching into Flathead Reservation waterbodies; (3) the following watercraft type restrictions will be added to the Flathead Reservation's existing boating regulations for all tribal waterbodies, with the exception of Flathead Lake and the Lower Flathead River: only hand-propelled, non-trailerred watercraft, including kayaks, canoes, rafts, and paddleboards will be permitted for use. All privately-owned motorized and trailerred watercraft will not be allowed to operate on Reservation waterways, with the exception of Flathead Lake and Lower Flathead River. A partial listing of Flathead Reservation waterbodies that are included in this emergency boating limitations are Lone Pine Reservoir, Upper Dry Fork Reservoir, Dog/Rainbow Lake, Twin Lake, Upper Jocko Lake, Black Lake, St. Mary's Lake, Mission Reservoir, McDonald Lake, Kicking Horse Reservoir, Crow Reservoir, and Turtle Lake. Felt-soled waders are prohibited from use in any Flathead Reservation waterbodies. There have been 62 watercraft inspections conducted since March 3rd. There were 6 high-risk inspections and 11 drive-bys. **Council** commended the team for their efforts on this matter. **Len TwoTeeth** suggested that the Ravalli station moved closer to the junction. **Patty Stevens** wanted more information published in the Char-Koosta News. **Carolee Wenderoth** suggested that the information be less scientific so individuals understand it.

Tom McDonald gave a brief overview of the bison hunt program.

Jim Durglo, Steve McDonald and **James Lozeau**, Tribal Forestry, requested approval of the 2017 Timber Use Policy Statement. Public meetings will continue to be scheduled.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to approve by resolution the 2017 Timber Use Policy Statement. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 7 for; 2 opposed (Shelly Fyant and Len TwoTeeth); 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-097

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TIMBER USE POLICY STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

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 desires to provide for the harvest of forest products to help meet the needs of the tribal members for employment opportunities and permit use; and

WHEREAS, the policies and procedures that regulate such harvest should be designed to meet the objectives of such a program within the guidelines of the overall Forest Management Plan for the Flathead Reservation forest lands; and

WHEREAS, the Timber Use Policy Statement for Fiscal Year 2017 authorizes the Forestry Department, Department Head to issue and submit permits to the Superintendent, Flathead Agency, in conformance to the desires of the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the Timber Use Policy Statement for Fiscal Year 2017 be adopted and authorizes the Chairman of the Tribal Council to sign said statement on behalf of the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Jim Durglo, Steve McDonald and **James Lozeau**, Tribal Forestry, requested approval to award a contract to Eco System Research Group to provide NEPA services for timber sales projects. An RFP was advertised and went through the Indian Preference Office. Research Group was the only responsive bidder. The company has provided these services since 2006. It will cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to award a contract to Eco System

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Research Group to provide NEPA services for timber sales projects. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Tara Irvine, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request for free-use permits, with bonding waived, for the Babe Ruth/Mission Mountain Cal Ripken Baseball League to use baseball fields on tribal land in Arlee (from April through August), and in Charlo, Ronan and St. Ignatius Elders Park (from April through July 30), with a provision that any other entity that proposes to use the property must request a separate use permit from the Tribes, provide proof of event insurance prior to the event, and show that they will not conflict with the permit to the Babe Ruth/Mission Mountain Cal Ripken Baseball League if their event is proposed during the term of the existing permit; and approval to move forward with a permit for the “Blue” ball field in St. Ignatius to the Mission Girls Softball Association, waiving the use fee and bonding if the Association can provide proof of liability insurance coverage with the Tribes as a certificate holder, and pay a \$10 administrative fee.

MOTION by Anita Matt to grant free use permits, with bonding waived, for the Babe Ruth/Mission Mountain Cal Ripken Baseball League to use baseball fields on tribal land in Arlee (from April through August), and in Charlo, Ronan and St. Ignatius Elders Park (from April through July 30), with a provision that any other entity that proposes to use the property must request a separate use permit from the Tribes, provide proof of event insurance prior to the event, and show that they will not conflict with the permit to the Babe Ruth/Mission Mountain Cal Ripken Baseball League if their event is proposed during the term of the existing permit; and to move forward with a permit for the “Blue” ball field in St. Ignatius to the Mission Girls Softball Association, waiving the use fee and bonding if the Association can provide proof of liability insurance coverage with the Tribes as a certificate holder, and pay a \$10 administrative fee. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Carole Lankford joined the meeting.

Rhonda Swaney and **Ryan Rusche**, Legal Department, met with council to provide a legislative update.

Rhonda Swaney and **Ryan Rusche**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters. **Rob McDonald**, Communications, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

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Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 12:51 p.m. to conduct an Energy Keepers, Inc. shareholder representative meeting.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Carrie Antoine, Early Childhood Services, requested authorization to purchase capital equipment from Play With A Purpose, consisting of a child classroom loft, at a cost of \$8,300. ECS worked with Property & Supply and bids were obtained from three vendors. The purchase will be paid for from the Montana Preschool grant funding.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to authorize the purchase of capital equipment from Play With A Purpose, consisting of a child classroom loft, at a cost of \$8,300. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (7 present – Len TwoTeeth, Ron Trahan and Anita Matt out of the room).

Niki Graham, Salish Kootenai College, requested sponsorship of the 9th Annual Women 4 Wellness Health Fair scheduled for May 18, 2017; and a four-hour change of duty for tribal employees to participate in the health fair. **Patty Stevens** informed Niki that the sponsorship of \$3,000 is included in the annual budget so no action is required.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to grant a change of duty, with supervisor approval, with the amount of time to be at the supervisor's discretion, for tribal employees to participate in the Women 4 Wellness Health Fair on May 18, 2017. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Arleen Adams and **Chaney Bell** invited council to an Elder and Youth Gathering in Arlee July 18-23, 2017 and requested council's blessing for what they are doing. Council was invited to the Elders Meeting at the Longhouse on April 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 2 to the fiscal year 2017 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget. There is a need to allocate the unexpended funding for land acquisition that was originally appropriated in fiscal year 2014 for a total of \$2 million.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution modification 2 to the fiscal year 2017 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-098

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017
DEDICATED TRUST FUND BUDGET**

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to allocate the unexpended funding for Land Acquisition that was originally appropriated in FY 2014 for a total of \$2 million; and

WHEREAS, the budget will be allocated as follows:

Account	Description	Current Budget Authority	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget Authority
20-511-6414	Land Acquisition – CSKT Members	0	25,144	25,144
TOTAL			25,144	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to modify the FY 2017 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget as reflected above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total FY 2017 Dedicated Trust Fund Budget is increased from \$522,000 to \$547,144.

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, requested renewal of a one-year consultant contract with Linda Putney, CPA, to assist with the preparation of the audit, preparation of the IDC rate proposal, and assist staff with various accounting issues.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to renew a one-year consultant contract with Linda Putney. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, presented a request for the purchase of a vehicle for the Information Technologies Department. Council action is required since it is capital equipment. The budget committee recommended approval.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to approve the purchase of a vehicle for the Information Technologies Department, based on the recommendation of the budget committee. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, received notification from the

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Sonosky Firm working with the Indian Health Service cost recoveries for contract support costs. They recommended they review potential impacts of repeals of the ACA and the impact to Tribes for the new healthcare plan that would replace it. The firm is requesting comments on that idea by April 1, so a letter would need to be sent advising whether the Tribes are in favor or against being a party to that. The cost would be \$10,000.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to approve the letter. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, 8 for; 2 opposed (Carole Lankford and Len TwoTeeth).

Shelly Fyant left the meeting to participate in a conference call with Senator Daines's staff regarding the TIGER Grant.

Patty Stevens received an email from Tribal Health attaching an agenda for the health committee meeting tomorrow. Patty will let THD know that it was agreed upon that the health committee meetings are held on the last Friday of the month.

Jessica Anderson informed council that her mother passed away. Her daughter is in foster care and was told that she could not go to the funeral in South Dakota. **Council** advised that they cannot overrule a decision by Tribal Social Services.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Council **adjourned** at 3:33 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary