

**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: April 27, 2017
Approved: May 9, 2017

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

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:05 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Carole Lankford.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for April 18, 2017 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2017, with corrections. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 8 for; 2 abstentions (Len TwoTeeth and Anita Matt).

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

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Council met in **executive session** to discuss personnel matters. **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department, joined the discussion.

Chairman Finley out of the room.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Chairman Finley returned to the meeting.

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

Dennis Clairmont told the joke of the day.

Bernie Atwin thanked council for the flag for her nephew, Shelby Grant, who is graduating from West Point. **Council** was proud of his accomplishments. **Troy Felsman** will have the Enrollment Office research whether Shelby is the first tribal member to graduate from West Point.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to authorize tribal employees to retain their federal benefits as long as the employee transfers within the same department. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Patty Stevens discussed the Rosie the Riveters honoring last year. The names and engravings will be updated on the Veterans Memorial and a tribal member was wanting to know if those who were Rosie the Riveters would be included.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to include Rosie the Riveters on the Veterans Memorial. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**. Patty will obtain further clarification.

Kelly Whitworth and **Mike Pierre**, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval of a resolution authorizing the submission of an application in partnership with Salish Kootenai College to FDPNE for the Field & Home grant to plant community gardens and approval of a memorandum of understanding with Salish Kootenai College in the amount of \$66,231.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to approve by resolution submission of an application in partnership with Salish Kootenai College to FDPNE for the Field & Home grant to plant community gardens. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-124

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FFY 2017 SUBMITTAL OF THE NUTRITION EDUCATION GRANT FOR TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADMINISTER THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (COMMODITY) PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes administer the Food Distribution Program through the Department of Human Resources

Development (DHRD) therefore eligible to submit in this competitive grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has created the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) to ensure that families receive the support necessary to achieve self-sufficiency including nutritional supports and the Commodity Program provides such supports; and

WHEREAS, DHRD is collaborating with the Salish & Kootenai College – Farm to College and local interested parties to provide fresh product and nutritional education; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to USDA, Food and Nutrition Services required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairman and his designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute the grant and/or contract documents and any amendments thereto.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to approve a memorandum of understanding with Salish Kootenai College in the amount of \$66,231 for the Field & Home grant. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Kelly Whitworth and **Natalie Kenmille**, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval of amendment 1 to the 477 Plan to change the age requirement to 60 and/or 55 with a Social Security documented disability (SSI/SSDI) for elders that apply for cash assistance from any of the programs under the 477 Plan. This amendment will make all age requirements consistent in the program. There would only be 3 clients affected by this change.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to approve amendment 1 to the 477 Plan to change the age requirement to 60 and/or 55 with a Social Security documented disability (SSI/SSDI) for elders that apply for cash assistance from any of the programs under the 477 Plan. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Kelly Whitworth, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval of a facilitator agreement with Margaret Burt in the amount of \$5,100 to provide a two-day legal training on child investigations.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve a facilitator agreement with Margaret Burt in the amount of \$5,100 to provide a two-day legal training on child investigations. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (10

present).

Renee Joachim, Melanie Piedalue and **Shelly Grenier**, Personnel Department, presented a request from Two Eagle River School to hire Christina Pierce on a three-year contract to fill the Math Teacher position. The vacancy was advertised and there were no qualified tribal member applicants.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to approve the hire of Christina Pierce on a three-year contract to fill the Math Teacher position at Two Eagle River School, due to no qualified tribal member applicants. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Renee Joachim, Melanie Piedalue and **Shelly Grenier**, Personnel Department, discussed the upcoming floating holidays in July for the Arlee and Elmo celebrations.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to designate July 3, 2017 and July 17, 2017 as floating holidays. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 9 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

Renee Joachim, Melanie Piedalue and **Shelly Grenier**, Personnel Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss personnel matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to appoint Kevin Askan as Acting Department Head of the Preservation Office for a period of up to 90 days or until filled. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, 9 for; 1 abstention (Patty Stevens).

Mary Price, Ryan Rusche, Stu Levit, and **John Harrison**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Kevin Howlett and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested authority to negotiate and enter into contracts with medical providers within the prescribed guidelines set by the tribal council. The Legal Department reviewed the contract template.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to grant the Tribal Health Department authority to negotiate and enter into contracts with medical providers within the prescribed guidelines set by the tribal council. Seconded by Patty Stevens. Carried, 7 for; 3 opposed (Ron Trahan, Vernon Finley and Len TwoTeeth).

Kevin Howlett suggested rescheduling the health committee meeting tomorrow, due to recent traumas in the community and people attending a funeral. **Council** agreed to postpone the meeting.

Anita Matt told Kevin Howlett that she appreciated the conference call with him during the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Meeting. Those in attendance at the meeting were sorry to hear of Kevin's retirement.

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

Jane Middleton-Moz, Consultant; **Kevin Howlett** and **Anna Whiting-Sorrell**, Tribal Health Department; discussed the community workshops that Jane provided on the traumas that the community has experienced due to suicides in epidemic rates. Jane gave a presentation on healing the healers. The leading causes of suicide are abandonment and neglect, sexual abuse and sexual assault, bullying, and information about the surviving family members that attempt and complete suicide themselves. Jane gave recommendations for a core team. **Shelly Fyant** suggested holding a summit to hear from the youth.

MOTION by Patty Stevens to issue a directive to the CSKT Departments to work in collaboration with the Tribal Health Department in their efforts to establish a core team to address community healing and begin work on a long range plan for the community. Seconded by Carole Lankford. **MOTION AND SECOND WITHDRAWN**. Council will develop a proclamation. Tribal Health will draft the proclamation and present back for council consideration.

Patty Stevens asked about expanding the hours at the fitness center. **Kevin Howlett** is developing a plan to extend the hours. Discussion was held on the importance of offering services to accommodate the membership. Management sets the hours of employment.

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

Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 1:48 p.m. to conduct an Energy Keepers, Inc. shareholder representative meeting.

Carole Lankford left the meeting for the remainder of the day to attend the Lake County Drug Court meeting.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, requested approval of a resolution approving modification 9 to the fiscal year 2017 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to approve by resolution modification 9 to the fiscal year 2017 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-125

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 9 TO THE FY 2017 BIA SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, earmarked FY 2017 funding for Forest Cover Type (\$75,000) and FMP (\$50,000) has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget; and

WHEREAS, the amounts allocated for General Assistance and Child Welfare need to be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, the budget will be allocated as follows:

Account Number	Description	Current Budget Authority	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget Authority
13-502-4703	Child Welfare Assistance	375,000.00	(32,400)	342,600.00
13-502-4770	DHRD 477 Program	2,893,587.09	32,400	2,925,987.09
13-510-4539	FMIP	239,646.68	125,000	364,646.68
	TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE)		125,000	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to modify the FY 2017 BIA Self-Governance Compact Budget as reflected above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2017 BIA Self-Governance Compact Budget is increased from \$22,371,311.39 to \$22,496,311.39.

Shelly Fyant asked the status of comments for the Tribal Leaders Summit.

Patty Stevens informed council that a family member went to Dorothy Woodcock's house in Salish Homesites about a serious mold issue on the walls. **Council** advised Patty to call Housing and have them check it out.

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

Council **adjourned** at 3:25 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary