

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

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Held: June 27, 2017  
Approved: July 11, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vernon Finley, Chairman; Troy Felsman, Secretary; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Carole Lankford; Dennis Clairmont; Leonard Gray; and Ronald Trahan.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Leonard TwoTeeth, Vice-Chairman; Shelly Fyant; and Patty Stevens.

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:07 a.m. Quorum established.

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

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

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Arlene Templer** and **Kelly Parker**, Department of Human Resources Development; and **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department; requested approval of a revised organizational chart for the Transportation program. The change realigns the positions and adds a new Bookkeeper/Cashier position for Quicksilver.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve the revised organizational chart for the Department of Human Resources Development to realign the positions in the Transportation program and add a new Bookkeeper/Cashier position for Quicksilver. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Carole Lankford** out of the room due to a conflict of interest.

**Arlene Templer** and **Kelly Parker**, Department of Human Resources Development; and **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department; requested

authorization for retro pay for Corky Sias, Division Manager, back to November 22, 2016. Corky has been performing these duties since that date but the classification was not submitted to the Personnel Department until May 22, 2017. The classification effective date is June 4, 2017 as that is the first day of the pay period following the date the classification was received by the Personnel Department. This request would require council action. The discussion continued in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Ron Trahan to approve retro pay for Corky Sias back to November 22, 2016. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 5 for; 1 abstention (Vernon Finley); 1 not voting (Carole Lankford out of the room).

**Carole Lankford** returned to the meeting.

**Arlene Templer** and **Kelly Parker**, Department of Human Resources Development, discussed options for Commodity satellite offices. Both sites discussed would work. It was the **consensus** of council to proceed with the site in Elmo for a Commodity satellite office.

**Arlene Templer** and **Kelly Parker**, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval to submit an application to the United Health Foundation for a three-year grant in the amount of \$500,000 to provide funding for dialysis transportation. Tribal Health is on board with this request.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve by resolution submission of the CTAA grant to the United Health Foundation. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

## **RESOLUTION 17-156**

### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (CTAA) SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION ON THE BEHALF OF CSKT**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) are committed to seeking resources for those families in need including finding ways to increase transportation opportunities for those who are disabled, elderly, and unemployed lacking reliable vehicles and insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has created the Department of Human

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Resources Development (DHRD) to seek these types of funds for the one stop environment and provide transportation services to those who need it the most; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSKT Tribes are willing to participate with the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) in the pursuit of the United Health Foundation grant;

**WHEREAS**, the Project would support:

- Identification of strategies to address dialysis transportation among tribal members in a six month planning phase.
- A two year pilot project to provide services to address these needs.
- An evaluation of the impact of the project in the final six months of the Project.

**WHEREAS**, the leadership team for the Project will include a Transportation primary point of contact, a local health care executive, and a Tribal Council Member;

**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.

**Anna Whiting-Sorrell** and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested authorization to change the title of the Women Infants & Children Aide to a Women Infants & Children Certified Professional Authority and exempt the position from classification. Louise Mitchell is currently hired as a WIC Aide and has completed the certified professional authority.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to change the title of the Women Infants & Children Aide to a Women Infants & Children Certified Professional Authority and exempt the position from classification. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 5 for; 2 abstentions (Vernon Finley and Troy Felsman).

**John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance, discussed the prices for 20 sets of bleachers at the Elmo Pow Wow grounds. Three prices were submitted. Belson was the low bidder at a price of \$62,960 excluding shipping costs.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to accept the low bid from Belson in the amount of \$62,960 for the bleachers at the Elmo Pow Wow grounds. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance, informed council that he will get the Dixon football field mowed.

**John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance, requested authorization to line up a contractor for the lookouts. It will be funded by Fire Control.

**MOTION** by Ron Trahan to look for a contractor to work on the lookouts to be funded by Fire Control. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance, followed up on a matter that Dennis had asked about regarding the memorial. John looked into rubber mulch and it would cost about \$2,400 for colored mulch. **Dennis Clairmont** would like something done in the future and recommended asking Corky Clairmont about this since he designed the memorial site.

\*\*\*\*\* **Break** \*\*\*\*\*

**John Wheeler** and **Daniel Tromp**, Kicking Horse Job Corps Center; and **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department; requested approval of a revised organizational chart to add a new flow chart with the 8 service contracts. The Department of Labor wants the service contracts reflected on the organizational chart.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve the revised organizational chart for Kicking Horse Job Corps Center to add the 8 service contracts on the chart. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Janet Camel**, Economic Development, requested approval of a no-cost modification to the D1 Design and Cortner Architectural Company contract to extend the expiration date for three months to complete additional work on the Hot Springs Bathhouse project.

**MOTION** by Ron Trahan to approve a no-cost modification to the D1 Design and Cortner Architectural Company contract to extend the expiration date for three months to complete additional work on the Hot Springs Bathhouse project. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Mike Durglo**, Natural Resources Department; and **Patrick Rogers**, Environmental Protection Agency Senior Policy Advisor; introduced Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers gave an overview of his position and discussed the importance of government-to-government consultations.

**Ann Sherwood** and **Ryan Anderson**, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval to apply for another Second Chance Act Grant for additional funding for three years. Senator Tester endorsed the grant application. **Carole**

**Lankford** suggested having a place for temporary housing and a house sitter that could assist the individuals from the reentry program. She would like the Lands Department to let council know what buildings the Tribes own that could be used for this purpose.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve by resolution submission of an application for Second Chance Act grant funding for the Reentry Program. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 17-157**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, SECOND CHANCE ACT, FLATHEAD RESERVATION REENTRY PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation wish to seek funding to continue and improve comprehensive services that address the challenges posed by reentry. The Flathead Reservation Reentry Program, already established in the Tribal Defenders Office, would be implemented on tribal lands and would continue to collaborate with tribal programs, and form new collaborations with correctional and social programs to increase public safety through community based, comprehensive services for adult offenders returning to the Flathead Reservation from tribal, county, state, or federal correctional institutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Tribal Defenders Office will make the grant application, Competition ID: BJA-2017-11540, seeking funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to support a 36 month program.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the Tribal Defenders Office shall make the grant application through the Office of Contracts and Grants to be submitted electronically. The Flathead Reservation Reentry Program is authorized to implement the proposed project on tribal lands.

\*\*\*\*\* **Break** \*\*\*\*\*

**Shane Morigeau**, Legal Department, requested permission to serve on the nonprofit Western Native Voice Board of Directors. The organization trains people to go to the poles and have equal access to vote.

**MOTION** by Ron Trahan to authorize Shane Morigeau to serve on the Western Native Voice Board of Directors. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Rhonda Swaney** and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department; and **Tim Baker**, Northwest Power Planning Council; introduced Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker gave an overview of his background and experience.

**Rhonda Swaney** and **Ryan Rusche**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve the two letters to the Montana Attorney Generals. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve the letter of support for the Tribal Labor Sovereignty. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

\*\*\*\*\* **Lunch** \*\*\*\*\*

**Arlene Templer**, Department of Human Resources Development; and **Larry Ginnings**, Prosecutors Office; discussed the Adult Protection Services Code. They asked whether they should continue to do only case management or follow the APS Code. Arlene would like to follow the code and revamp the program. Arlene also requested that an APS Team be appointed. The code and policies have not been updated or revised in 20 years. There is an individual that is interested in working on the policy manual. Arlene requested permission to apply for \$20,000 in funding to update the code and policies. Larry commented that although they do not follow the exact procedures outlined in the code, nobody has suffered deprivation of rights by the procedure being used for case management. There has not been a team appointed by tribal council, as required by the code. The team should serve as an alternative to litigation for any adult elder or vulnerable adult who is not incapacitated. The team has 90 days to come up with a solution; if that does not occur then the matter goes to litigation. It was the **consensus** of council to apply for the grant. **Council** directed that the program follow the code for investigations and case management, and appoint the APS Team as written in the code.

**Clayton McDougall**, Independent Filmmaker, requested permission to film at SKQ Dam on July 13, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a documentary which examines the mystery of the Flathead Lake Monster and permission for

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any interviews on tribal land. In order to fully investigate the Flathead Lake Monster a holistic overview of the lake is necessary. The documentary will also cover ecology, culture and history of the lake. **Council** requested that Clayton meet with the Culture Committees about this project and report back to council.

**Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter.

**Council** met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Leonard Gray to direct Germaine White to coordinate the Buffalo Treaty Reunion event. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, 6 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

**MOTION** by Ron Trahan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Council **adjourned** at 2:33 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

**CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES**

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Troy Felsman  
Tribal Secretary