

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

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Held: June 29, 2017
Approved: July 11, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonard Gray (Personal Time Off); Shelly Fyant (Innovate Montana Symposium - Billings, Montana); and Patty Stevens (Suicide Prevention Training - Arlee, Montana).

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:12 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Dennis Clairmont.

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

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Helen Camel White Quill, Tribal Employee, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter. **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department, was present for discussion.

Council met in **executive session**. **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department, was present for discussion.

Joe Durglo, Tribal Health Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter. **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Kevin Howlett and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of the Tribal Health Improvement Plan.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve by resolution the Tribal Health Improvement Plan. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-158

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have organized and adopted a health department, and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2015, the Tribal Council declared the health and wellness of the people the number one priority; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Health Department (TH) manages multiple funding sources to provide a comprehensive array of health care services, and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Medicaid program has created the Tribal Health Improvement Program (THIP), and

WHEREAS, The THIP will concentrate on health promotion disease prevention programs and activities, designed in three tiers. This historic approach provides an opportunity for CSKT to build and operate health promotion programs and associated activities, in close collaboration with DPHHS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes that the Tribal Council Chairman and his designated representative to negotiate and execute the Task Order between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the CSKT and any amendments thereto.

Kevin Howlett and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested authorization to close the THD offices on August 9, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the staff to be trained on the EPIC system to begin the transition process. Notice will be provided to the membership by advertisements in the Char-Koosta News.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to authorize the closure of the Tribal Health Department offices on August 9, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the staff to be trained on the EPIC system to begin the transition process. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Kevin Howlett, Tribal Health Department, discussed proposed budget cuts of

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10% and 15%. The program cannot sustain those cuts without impacting services to the membership.

Joe Durglo, Tribal Health Department, requested authorization to hire Brandy Couture to fill the Allied Health Service Division Director position on a three-year contract. The vacancy was advertised three times. The only qualified tribal member applicant declined the position.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to approve the hire of Brandy Couture to fill the Allied Health Service Division Director position on a three-year contract, due to no qualified tribal member applicants. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Council thanked Kevin Howlett for his years of service. Kevin thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve them.

John Neiss, Facilities Maintenance; and **Jeanne Christopher**, Early Childhood Services; discussed the bid for the Pablo ECS building. The budget is set at \$1.56 million and the low bid was \$1.872 million. John asked whether to rebid with subtraction of bidding requirements or drop some of the scheduled work. John recommended removing the stipulations. Jeanne will submit a request to maintain the funding if the project is bid out again.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to readvertise the project. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Carole Lankford informed council that Jeanne Christopher received an honorary degree from Salish Kootenai College for her 40 years of service at the Head Start program.

Steve McDonald and **Shawn DeFrance**, Tribal Forestry, presented the bids for the Dog Lake South Logging Unit Timber Sale and requested acceptance of the high bid from 3MOR.

MOTION by Anita Matt to accept the high bid from 3MOR for the Dog Lake South Logging Unit Timber Sale. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Robert McDonald, Communications, presented a request from the DHRD Project Launch to have a Facebook page.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to authorize the DHRD Project Launch to have a Facebook page. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Jean Matt, Mission Valley Power General Manager; and **Cindy Benson**, Mission Valley Power Utility Board; requested approval of a modification to the fiscal year 2017 budget to add \$1.5 million to purchase power and equipment. The Utility Board approved the modification. The modification will be submitted to Stan Speaks once council takes action.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve a modification to the fiscal year 2017 budget to add \$1.5 million to purchase power and equipment. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Jean Matt, Mission Valley Power General Manager; and **Cindy Benson**, Mission Valley Power Utility Board; requested approval of the fiscal year 2018 budget. The Utility Board approved the budget.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the fiscal year 2018 budget. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Dana Hewankorn, The People's Center, requested a waiver of the IDC on the \$10,000 Potlatch grant. The grant provides funding for community activities. **Vern Clairmont**, Financial Management, explained that tribal funds would absorb that cost if the waiver is approved, which amounts to approximately \$1,600.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to waive the IDC for the Potlatch grant. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

***Vernon Finley**, for the record, "I voted in favor of this request, due to the small size of the grant. I wouldn't approve of any larger of a grant."*

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 4 to the fiscal year 2017 Investment Fund Budget to add funding to the land acquisition budget.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution modification 4 to the fiscal year 2017 Investment Fund Budget. Seconded by Ron Trahan. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-159

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 4 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 INVESTMENT FUND BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the budget for Land Acquisition needs to be increased for purchase of a facility for health care services and funds are available in Third Party Collections to appropriate for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the budget will be allocated as follows:

Account	Description	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
16-511-6410	Land Acquisition	7,995,855.93	87,900.00	8,083,755.93
TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE)			87,900.00	

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total FY 2017 Investment Fund Budget is increased from \$9,970,000 to \$10,059,700.

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, requested approval of revised fiscal year 2017 spending authority for the Gray Wolf Park to fund additional work that is needed on the water system at the park.

MOTION by Ron Trahan to approve by resolution revised fiscal year 2017 spending authority for the Gray Wolf Park. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 17-160

RESOLUTION REVISING FISCAL YEAR 2017 SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR GRAY WOLF PARK

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

WHEREAS, Gray Wolf Park (formerly Coriacan Village) was established as a Tribal enterprise in Fiscal Year 2008 and its receipts are available to offset its operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, FY 2017 spending authority for Gray Wolf Park of \$26,000 previously authorized by Resolution 16-179 needs to be increased for water system expense and Gray Wolf Park receipts are available to appropriate for this purpose; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to approve spending authority of \$36,000 for FY 2017 for Gray Wolf Park.

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss Energy Keeper's Inc.'s financial status. **Brian Lipscomb**, Energy Keepers, Inc. Chief Executive Officer; **Dan Decker**, **Tom Farrell** and **Bob Gauthier**, Energy Keepers, Inc. Board of Directors; and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department; were present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Council **adjourned** at 12:12 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary