

**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 4, 2019
Approved: April 16, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Trahan, Chairman; Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman; Shelly Fyant, Secretary; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Dennis Clairmont; Charmel Gillin; Myrna DuMontier; Leonard TwoTeeth; and Carole Lankford.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Matt (Inter-Tribal Timber Council Meeting - Milwaukee, WI).

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:06 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Leonard Gray.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 19, 2019 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2019, with corrections. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 7 for; 2 abstentions (Leonard Gray and Ron Trahan).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 21, 2019 were presented for approval. **Anita Matt** informed Jennifer Trahan that she spoke to the Inter-Tribal Ag Council and that organization is willing to host part of that youth conference if she can get that request or an agenda.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2019, with corrections. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

The **agenda** was presented for approval. No conflicts of interest were identified. Changes were made to the agenda.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Dan Depoe, Francis Cahoon and Art Caye gave a presentation on a proposed document that would allow the small loggers/wood cutters to resume their employment in the woods and to secure a long-term solution to obstacles within the current logging system. The agreement would be in effect for the next two years or until the system is fixed. Upon receipt of this proposal, they request a vote be taken by the tribal council. The 200-foot requirement would remain in place but would not apply to the small woodcutters. **Chairman Trahan** requested that this be placed on the five-day rule to allow time to obtain legal and departmental review. **Carole Lankford** requested that a financial analysis be included and where the money the small loggers bring in will offset that; otherwise, we will have a financial obligation. That is critical to be part of this.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve the request from the small loggers, pending legal review. Seconded by Myrna DuMontier. Carried, 8 for; 1 opposed (Leonard Gray).

Ken Old Person, Tribal Member, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personal matter. **Carolee Wenderoth** and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, were present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Rick Eneas, Financial Management, requested approval of an education and employment agreement for an Accounting Staff member. The agreement was reviewed by the Legal Department.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the education and employment agreement with Elizabeth Sheridan. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Rick Eneas, Financial Management, requested approval of a two-year fellowship with Amerra Webster-Yaqui through the Lead for America organization. There would be a cost to the CSKT in the amount of \$46,739.72 annually.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve the two-year fellowship with Amerra Webster-Yaqui with CSKT through the Lead for America organization, as presented. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 6 for; 3 abstentions (Ron Trahan, Len TwoTeeth and Carole Lankford).

Rick Eneas discussed the position that was created for this fellowship. Rick needs to find a supervisor who has expertise in the area of climate change, or

remain as her supervisor as a liaison between the climate change group and the tribal council.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve Rick Eneas to remain as Amerra Webster Yaqui's supervisor but with a focus on helping her interface with the CSKT climate change efforts and integrate those efforts into Tribal Council policy discussions and actions. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 6 for; 3 opposed (Len TwoTeeth, Ron Trahan and Carole Lankford).

Len TwoTeeth, for the record, "I remember the day we interviewed this person and it was an outstanding interview, and she had a lot to bring to the table to help us with policies we are working on. But my understanding was LFA was going to be sponsoring all of this, not knowing we were going to be putting up almost \$50,000. That's troubling because we did this without advertising. There will be tribal members asking why we created this position without advertising. I support this person and I know she'll do a good job for us, but I think we should have discussed these issues before moving forward."

Carole Lankford, for the record, "I wish it was advertised."

Shelly Fyant, for the record, "Amerra applied for this Lead for America internship on her own through her institution, and so she took the initiative to do that. So if council wanted to create a position they could do that at any time."

Tony Incashola, Jr. and **Ron Swaney**, Tribal Forestry, requested approval to renew facilitator agreements for fire training purposes with Jim Steele, Gwen Couture, Maurita Fisher, and Ned Winebrenner.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the facilitator agreement with Jim Steele. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the facilitator agreement with Gwen Couture. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the facilitator agreement with Maurita Fisher. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

MOTION by Leonard Gray to approve the facilitator agreement with Ned Winebrenner. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Tony Incashola, Jr. and **Ron Swaney**, Tribal Forestry, requested approval of an education agreement with Arthur Trahan to attend Salish Kootenai College to obtain a bachelor's degree. The Legal Department reviewed the agreement.

MOTION by Myrna DuMontier to approve the education agreement with Arthur Trahan. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

Charmel Gillin asked Tribal Forestry to consider opportunities be considered to use Holistic Healing, a tribal member owned business in Ronan, for the physical fitness aspects to it.

Tony Incashola, Jr. and **Ron Swaney**, Tribal Forestry, informed council that the smoke jumpers from Missoula typically do rooky training on the reservation. They jump at Sloan's Bridge and then go to the Division of Fire to debrief and do training. Ron wanted council approval to do that and wanted to make sure there would be no issue for them doing this. **Council** did not object to the request. Ron asked how he should approach the media. KECI approached Ron to come on the reservation to provide media coverage. **Council** referred him to Rob McDonald. Ron will notify the tribal police when the jumpers are jumping so they are aware of the activity.

Tony Incashola, Jr. and **Pat Alburn**, Tribal Forestry, requested acceptance of the bid for the Garden Creek Fire Salvage Tractor Logging Unit Timber Sale. Lonepine Logging was the only bidder.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to accept the bid from Lone Pine Logging for the Garden Creek Fire Salvage Tractor Logging Unit Timber Sale. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Nicki Graham, Liaison; **Mary Miles**, Montana State University Professor; **Michael Fox**, Montana State University Professor; and **Melinda Smith**, Research Team Member; gave a report on the Diabetes Management Project community-based participatory research group and plans to renew funds for this project. They requested a letter of support from the Tribes. They plan to have a functioning app by July and will be ready for use by the Tribal Health Department.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve a letter of support for their endeavor. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Jeanne Christopher, **Elaine Frank** and **Jody Jones**, Early Childhood Services, requested acceptance of a bid from Kelly Wilson, 4Abilities, LLC, to provide behavioral and mental health therapy and consultation services and approval of a two-year contract in the amount of \$155,400 per year. There are sufficient funds in the budget.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to accept the bid from Kelly Wilson, 4Abilities, LLC, and approve a two-year contract in the amount of \$155,400 per year to provide behavioral and mental health therapy and consultation services. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Myrna DuMontier out of the room).

Council directed Jeanne Christopher to provide a copy of all contracts to Jennifer Trahan in advance when making requests, so the tribal council can review the terms. **Jeanne Christopher** advised that she would provide a copy of the contract.

Jeanne Christopher, Elaine Frank and Jody Jones, Early Childhood Services, requested approval of a noncompetitive contract with Child Plus Software in the amount of \$5,300 to provide a three-day on-site training for staff on the new Head Start database.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the noncompetitive contract with Child Plus Software in the amount of \$5,300 to provide a three-day on-site training for staff on the new Head Start database. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Myrna DuMontier out of the room).

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

Kelly Parker, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval of a modification to the snowplowing contracts with Lloyd Irvine, Jr. in the amount of \$8,000 and Dorothy Clinkenbeard in the amount of \$3,500 to pay off the remaining balance of their bills.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve a modification to the snowplowing contract with Lloyd Irvine, Jr. in the amount of \$8,000. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve a contract modification with Dorothy Clinkenbeard in the amount of \$3,500. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, 8 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

Rich Janssen, Natural Resources Department; and **Thomas Wolf**, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; presented a request for a collection permit for MFWP to collect water samples of AIS from the south end of Flathead Lake and submit the samples to the MFWP AIS lab for early detection of invasive species.

MOTION by Myrna DuMontier to approve the permit request from MFWP to collect water samples from the south end of Flathead Lake. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Carolee Wenderoth and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, requested approval of the spring bid. There are 102 total leases.

MOTION by Anita Matt to go with the Land Committee recommendation and approve the 2019 spring bid. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Carolee Wenderoth, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Chou Moua for a revocable permit to operate a teriyaki takeout stand on Allotment 1914-B at a rate of \$35 per day. He would use the property on Mondays. Insurance would be required.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve a revocable permit for Chou Moua to operate a teriyaki takeout stand on Allotment 1914-B at a rate of \$35 per day. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Carolee Wenderoth, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from the new BIA Superintendent to receive a copy of the approved council minutes. She wanted to know who is supposed to supply the council minutes to him. **Council** will follow up with Jennifer Trahan.

Dan Durglo, Salish Kootenai College, wanted to know if there was an informal way for Erica Shelby, Intern, to provide updates to the tribal council. SKC has an approval process people need to follow in order to meet with the tribal council. **Shelly Fyant** said the steps weren't followed last time she requested an internship; the internship was not completed and reports were not supplied as required. Shelly requested updates be provided at the tribal chairman's meeting or a meeting with the tribal council. She is supposed to be Erica's supervisor, but she does not like operating like this. **Council** will schedule Erica on next week's agenda. SKC will have a faculty advisor accompany Erica.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting. No second required.

Council **adjourned** at 11:27 a.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Friday, April 5, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Shelly R. Fyant
Tribal Secretary