

**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: October 15, 2019
Approved: October 29, 2019

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman (Personal Time Off).

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 9:07 a.m. Quorum established. **Charmel Gillin** will join the meeting later.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for October 1, 2019 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2019, with corrections. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for October 3, 2019 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2019, with corrections. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Charmel Gillin joined the meeting.

Danette Tenas requested that her friend Waylon Ladue be allowed to help her go hunting. **Council** told her she needed to fill out a request form with Fish & Game and present back for approval.

Shelly Fyant discussed the activity with the Attorney General's task force on missing indigenous women. There was a representative appointed from each tribe and Ellie Bundy is the CSKT representative. Last week the Attorney General put it out there that he supported the Keystone XL Pipeline. The Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Tribes withdrew their support for the task force and believe it is a direct conflict due to man camps that come with the pipeline and human trafficking. In March, the CSKT approved Resolution 19-096 opposing the pipeline. Shelly asked if the council wants to remain on this task force. She wanted Jami to be here to give a presentation on the latest update regarding our MMIP work group. **Len TwoTeeth** had attended the second day of the MMIW workshop that was facilitated by Chairman Tim Davis. There was good dialogue. The locals shared stories of their loved ones. Some of the loved ones had been murdered and it was never resolved. The discussion will continue when Jami can be present. **Carole Lankford** suggested having Legal review this issue. **Charmel Gillin** preferred that the first step be to have a consultation to find out the overall goal of what he is trying to do here since it is quite conflicting. **Chairman Trahan** would like Ryan Rusche to follow up.

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

Sandra Andrew and **Leonard Michel** discussed a request Sandra had made in executive session a few weeks ago. Sandra is here this morning to make it official since the home is in need of repair and she wants to know what can be done. **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, joined the discussion. The Lands staff has been out there in the past. On August 27 a compliance officer did a walk-through of the property. Mark needs some time to research the terms of the agreement for Mike Kenmille to live there as a caretaker of the property. **Carole Lankford** commented that the Tribes had considered pulling it back and secure it. The Tribes do not have any programs to maintain houses. The Tribes have spent a lot of money on this home already. The council needs to make a decision soon so Mike and Sandra have time to relocate. **Len TwoTeeth** discussed the cultural significance of this area to the Kootenai people. The people agreed to have Mike up there to look after the area. We have an obligation to with the recommendation of the elders. We made an agreement with Mike to be the caretaker and we need to hold up our end of the agreement. **No action taken**. Chairman Trahan requested that the Tribal Lands Department research the history on this matter and the terms of the agreement.

Jami Pluff, MMIP Work Group; and **Ellie Bundy**, Attorney General Task Force; gave an update on the CSKT MMIP Work Group and the Attorney General Task Force. They continue to hold meetings. The mission and goals of the work

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group are drafted and pending approval. A budget will be developed. There was a training session in August. An action plan will be created. The AG Task Force is part of Senate Bill 312. The task force will be finalizing the vote for the RFP to go out to the Tribal colleges for a \$25,000 matching grant to develop a database for missing peoples. The application due date is December 13, the award date is January 3, the deadline to report to the DOJ is July 15, and the analysis deadline is August 15.

Lesia Evers, Marie Matthews, and Darci Wiebe, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services; and **Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department; met with council to discuss tribal issues, including the organizational chart changes; the creation of a new Early Childhood & Family Support Division, the tribal matching grant, Medicaid expansion waiver extension and amendment, nominations and strategic plan for the Montana Native Youth Suicide Reduction Coalition and Suicide Prevention Initiatives, new peer support services for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder, Medicaid Revenue Reports for state fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and the early renewal of a ten-year master agreement. **Shelly Fyant** asked if the Missoula students are able to get medical care in Missoula or if they need to go to the Tribal Health clinic. **Joe Durglo** explained that if they have Medicaid they can choose a provider in Missoula. If they do not have coverage and are direct care, they are required to get medical care at the Tribal Health clinics. **Charmel Gillin** asked if the mobile crisis unit can be used in suicide prevention. **Marie Matthews** responded that maybe it could since it is a theoretical model to have a way getting to someone in crisis. They could look for other models and share ideas. **Len TwoTeeth** commented that the goals of the matching grant are consistent with One Heart's goals. He wanted to know if the tribal government is able to use this grant funding to be diverted to One Heart. Marie will find out and report back to council. **Shelly Fyant** asked about the Mobile Crisis Unit Grant and the Tribal Matching Grant. Since our tribe missed that opportunity, she wanted to know if there any other way to be involved in the future. **Lesia Evers** advised that the general public call was taped and she can send that to council. She can also coordinate a meeting for questions. There is a link she will send to council that will give more information.

Rhonda Swaney and Ryan Rusche, Legal Department, met with council about this morning's discussion regarding the resolution supporting the Rosebud Sioux efforts against the XL pipeline, the Fort Peck Tribe and Fort Belknap Tribe withdrawing from the task force, and the link designating the task force. The council wants to invite the Attorney General for a consultation.

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

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

***** **Lunch** *****

Myrna DuMontier out of the room for the following interviews.

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Director of Economic Development vacancy. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Myrna DuMontier returned to the meeting.

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Tribal Health Department Head vacancy. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

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

Myrna DuMontier out of the room for the following issue.

Melanie Piedalue, Personnel Department, continued to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to accept the results of the ballot and select Velda Shelby for the Director of Economic Development position. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Myrna DuMontier out of the room).

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to accept the results of the ballot and select Patricia Hibbler for the Tribal Health Department Head position. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Myrna DuMontier out of the room).

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 4:44 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

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Shelly R. Fyant
Tribal Secretary