

**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: March 8, 2018  
Approved: March 15, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ronald Trahan, Chairman; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Shelly Fyant; Carole Lankford; Leonard TwoTeeth; Dennis Clairmont; and James Steele, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman (Salish Language Conference – Spokane, Washington); Troy Felsman, Secretary (Salish Language Conference – Spokane, Washington); and Charmel Gillin (Salish Language Conference – Spokane, Washington).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jami Pluff, Policy Analyst; Bill Kehoe, Sergeant at Arms; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:03 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Anita Matt.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 27, 2018 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by James Steele, Jr. to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 28, 2018 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 1, 2018 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by James Steele, Jr. to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Carole

Lankford. Carried, 6 for; 1 abstention (James Steele, Jr.).

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).

**Carolee Wenderoth**, Tribal Lands Department, discussed a request from Gloria Reich to potentially rent the house that is located on the property formerly known as the Halvorson property for one year. The Reichs are on a fixed income and the rent amount would be negotiated.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to enter into a one-year rental agreement with Gloria Reich at a negotiated rental amount within the parameters indicated. Seconded by James Steele, Jr. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

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

**Janet Camel**, Economic Development, requested approval for tribal employees to have a change of duty to attend the density map and regulations repeal hearing. The Lake County Commissioners are proposing to repeal the density map and regulations. The hearing will take place on March 13, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at the Lake County Court House.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve a change of duty, with supervisor approval, for tribal employees to attend the density map and regulations repeal hearing on March 13, 2018. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Kelly Parker** and **Natalie Kenmille**, Department of Human Resources Development, requested authorization for Kelly and Natalie to attend the National Indian and Native American Employment Training Conference in Marksville, LA as the financial representatives for the 477 Plan. The Division of Workforce Development will allocate \$3,000 in travel funds.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to authorize Kelly Parker and Natalie Kenmille to attend the National Indian and Native American Employment Training Conference in Marksville, LA as the financial representatives for the 477 Plan. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Casey Couture**, Tribal Member, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personal matter. **Mark Couture**, Tribal Member; **Henrietta Conko**, **Natalie Kenmille**, **Anita Pierce**, and **Kelly Parker**, Department of Human Resources Development; were present for discussion.

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

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Caroline McDonald** informed council that she is running against Gale Decker for Lake County Commissioner. She read her candidate statement. Caroline requested the Tribes' support; a financial contribution of \$180 for her campaign; authorization to post campaign signs on tribal land; and permission to reach out to the tribal department heads to discuss tribal issues.

**MOTION** by James Steele, Jr. to allow Caroline McDonald to post political campaign signs on designated tribal property, and require Caroline to obtain the proper permit from the Tribal Lands Department. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Shelly Fyant** invited Caroline McDonald to the Arlee district meeting on April 9, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. **Len TwoTeeth** invited her to the Elders Meetings.

Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 10:25 a.m. to conduct an S&K Technologies shareholder meeting.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**Martin Charlo** and **Arlene Bigby**, Kicking Horse Job Corps Center, gave an update on KHJCC issues. Martin gave a report on a Facebook post. The staff is still going through the excess inventory. There is a process that needs to be followed to deal with the excess items.

**Tom McDonald** and **Germaine White** introduced Grant Kier, a candidate for Congress. Mr. Kier gave a brief overview of his background and experience. He is in full support of the water compact.

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

**Len TwoTeeth** left the meeting for the remainder of the day.

**Molly Stammer**, Salish Kootenai College Hydrology Student; and **Shandin Pete**, Salish Kootenai College Instructor; gave a presentation on The Heart of the Monster story. Molly will graduate with a hydrology degree this year. Water has a great cultural significance. Molly will be going to law school in the fall.

**Corky Clairmont**, **David Spear**, **Kathi Olson**, **Becca McCarron**, and **Courtney Lelanc** discussed the Bloomberg Art Grant proposal. It is a million dollar grant that challenges mayors to come up with a community art project

that brings attention to something that needs attention. It was the **consensus** of council to support the project.

**James Steele, Jr.** provided information on the honoring of the Arlee Boys Basketball Team. The People's Center could make gifts if tribal council provides the materials. James will obtain further information and report back at the chairman's meeting. It was suggested that a gift be given to Jordan Lefler for the suicide prevention videos he made.

**Carole Lankford, Aric Cooksley and Jason Adams**, Boys & Girls Club, discussed a challenge to the Tribes to meet the \$200,000 match that was offered to kick off the remodel of the building. Carole requested that a portion of the highway funds be allocated to this project. The match will not be available until the Tribes agree to match those funds and the money is in hand. **Vern Clairmont**, Financial Management, reported that the MDT money will not be received this fiscal year. He would have to look at other options if the money is needed this fiscal year and report back at the chairman's meeting. Jason requested that the chairman sign a letter to circulate to all the tribal corporations and SKHA to request a contribution. Carole and Jason would deliver the letters and meet with the corporations about the contribution request. **No action taken.**

**Chairman Trahan** met with Dave Strohmaier, Missoula County Commissioner. He asked Dave to mention the water rights compact while he is in Washington, DC. He also asked him to follow up on the dump site issue in Missoula County. Ron is having Lands follow up on the dump site issue, as well, since the Tribes lease that property to them.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by James Steele, Jr. Carried, unanimous (6 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Council **adjourned** at 2:45 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman  
Tribal Secretary