

**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: May 10, 2018  
Approved: May 17, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ronald Trahan, Chairman; Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman; Troy Felsman, Secretary; Dennis Clairmont; Carole Lankford; Charmel Gillin; Leonard TwoTeeth; and Shelly Fyant.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anita Matt, Treasurer (Farm Bill Coalition – Washington, DC); and James Steele, Jr. (Family Medical Appointment).

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:05 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Charmel Gillin.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for May 3, 2018 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, 7 for; 1 abstention (Troy Felsman).

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

**MOTION** by Shelly Fyant to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Sika** introduced Ryoji and Mitsue from Japan. Sika worked at a school in Japan as part of his mission, and then Ryoji and Mitsue came here for three months to work with the youth. They gave council a gift that they made for them.

**Daniel Decker**, Legal Department, followed up on the meeting with the governor about the Ronan Urban project. MDT proposed meeting dates to meet with the negotiating team on May 21, 22, or 23. Council will let Dan know

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what date works. Carole, Teresa and Arlene met yesterday about the fitness center. May 23 works good for all of them to be at the MDT meeting.

**Dennis Clairmont** was contacted about possible flooding of Council Grove and protecting the site. Fire Control was contacted to see if they could check out the site and provide a crew, if needed. Darrell Clairmont and Ron Swaney have a crew on standby if needed. Dale Nelson will take the lead and tie in with Adrien from Missoula County for coordination of the effort. It was the **consensus** of council to proceed with the plan.

**Alan Addison** gave an update on the SKC Graduate Honoring and Pow Wow scheduled for this weekend.

**Rob McDonald**, Communications, introduced a group of Boys and Girls Club AmeriCorps volunteers. **Carole Lankford** requested that they be given a free group recreation permit for them to hike while they are here. It was the **consensus** of council to approve a free group recreation permit through July 14.

**Helen Camel** requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel issue.

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

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

**Ron Swaney** and **Darrell Clairmont**, Fire Control, followed up on a previous request to purchase a copy machine that is capital equipment. Ron has the 3 quotes, but has not decided which one to go with. \$6,100, \$5,700 and \$6,000 were the quotes that he got from Property and Supply.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve capital equipment to purchase a copy machine. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Ron Swaney** and **Darrell Clairmont**, Fire Control, discussed federal funding that is included in the budget to pay for a cost of living adjustment (COLA). Each year the tribal council denies the COLA and that reduces the IDC amount, overall budget, and pay increases for the staff. The continual denial affects the program's budget. **Chairman Trahan** requested that they meet with council at the chairman's meeting next week to have further discussion prior to making the request to council.

**Teresa Wall McDonald**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a contractor agreement with Two Eagle River School to transfer \$8,000 in Community Readiness grant funds for Elders Week support.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve the contractor agreement with Two Eagle River School to transfer \$8,000 in Community Readiness grant funds for Elders Week support. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Teresa Wall McDonald**, Tribal Health Department, discussed appointing Amy Johnson as the Interim Medical Director and clarification of compensation to be offered to Amy.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to go with the recommendation of the department head and appoint Amy Johnson as the Interim Medical Director at the stated rate of pay. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Teresa Wall McDonald**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of the Deferred Services Policy that was discussed at the health committee meeting. A weekly report would be required. The policy would require the chairman's signature.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve the Deferred Service Policy. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Teresa Wall McDonald**, Tribal Health Department, requested authorization to accept the low bid to fix the air compressor at the Dental Clinic.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to accept the low bid to fix the air compressor at the Dental Clinic. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Ann Miller**, Tribal Defenders Office; **Ciara Hansen**, **Desiree Fox**, and **Dr. Gyda Swaney**, University of Montana; provided a dissertation and report on data analysis from the Reentry Program.

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

**Carolee Wenderoth** and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, discussed draft Articles of Indian Stockman Bylaws. The proposed changes were sent to the president of each association and the tribal council, and no comments were received. A meeting with the range units took place this spring.

**Carolee Wenderoth** and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department; and **Art**

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**Caye**, Tribal Member; reported updates regarding Art Caye's request to remove a building on tribal property. Law and Order is still investigating the stolen materials and it is also being referred to Sanders County law enforcement. Charmel Gillin's understanding was that Lands was directed to negotiate a contract with Art on Tuesday and present for consideration today. Lands needs to know the details of if it is for just the materials Art wants, if any cleanup is required, what would happen to the other materials left behind such as a the tin roof, it would need a performance bond waiver if no bond is required, and the market value would need to be waived. Lands staff is trying to protect tribal resources and be mindful of the entire membership instead of just one person. Council had told Lands to meet with Art and come up with a proposed contract and present back. Chairman Trahan thought it was premature to make a decision on it because first the council needs to decide if they even want to get rid of that building. If they do, then they need to decide if they want to award it to Art or bid it out. Mike Durglo, Preservation, commented that anything over 50 years old is considered an historical property. He wants Preservation to go look at the structure for any culture and historic value. A cultural resource clearance form should be done if council is going to do these kinds of things. Chairman Trahan wanted to wait for the investigation to get done.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to begin negotiations with Art Caye. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, 5 for; 3 opposed (Shelly Fyant, Leonard Gray and Ron Trahan).

**Shelly Fyant**, for the record, *"The reason I am opposed is because I think this opportunity should be bid out to all tribal members."*

**Carolee Wenderoth**, Tribal Lands Department, informed council that the test was completed in Dixon and the water is fine. The Lands Department will send out letters notifying the residents that the water units will be picked up. They can purchase the units for \$50 if they want to keep them.

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

**Troy Felsman** informed the audience that he and his wife have a visitor, Rick Decker, who is from Berlin, Germany.

**Council** presented a donation check to the Boys & Girls Club and took photos. **Aric Cooksley**, Boys & Girls Club, thanked the Tribes for the donation.

**Seth Makepeace**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a vendor for a hydraulic engineering project. A nontribal member engineering consulting firm was selected and he needs action for execution of the contract. It went through the Indian Preference Office and no tribal member engineering

firms submitted a proposal.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to approve the bid from a nontribal member engineering consulting firm. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Shelly Fyant to approve the contractor agreement. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Gabe Johnson**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to purchase capital equipment from Rehbein Ford for snow removal services in the amount of \$74,815. He obtained 3 quotes for the equipment. The trucks will be leased, and the snow removal equipment will be purchased.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve the purchase of capital equipment from Rehbein Ford for \$74,815 for snow removal services. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Gabe Johnson**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of a three-year contract with Salish Kootenai Housing Authority for sweeping and mowing at homesites.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve a three-year contract with Salish Kootenai Housing Authority for sweeping and mowing at homesites. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Robert McCarthy**, Prosecutors Office, requested approval of a contract with Cynthia Rutherford to fill the Deputy Prosecutor position. There was one tribal member that applied, but did not possess the technical qualifications required for the position. **Renee Joachim** and **Cory Clairmont**, Personnel Department, joined the discussion. **No action taken.** Council requested additional information from Laurence Ginnings, including a copy of the position description.

**Jason Adams**, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a contract issue.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

**Council** scheduled the meeting with MDT for May 22 at 3:00 p.m.

**Carole Lankford** left the meeting for the remainder of the day to go to a drug court meeting.

**Chairman Trahan** requested an extension with the auditors' contract for 30 days to complete work at Kicking Horse Job Corps Center.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve an extension to the auditors' contract for 30 days to complete work at Kicking Horse Job Corps Center. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

**Martin Charlo** and **Arlene Bigby**, Kicking Horse Job Corps Center, gave an update on KHJCC issues. The rating increased by a percentage point and is 22 points higher than six months ago. May 17 is interviews for the vacant positions that were advertised. The Department of Justice said it should only take up to 10 days to do a background check, so it is unknown what the delay is in getting the fingerprinting and background checks done. The group life director position became vacant. There is a tribal member graduating from the CNA program next Wednesday and council was invited to attend. KHJCC will meet with council after the chairman's meeting next week.

**Leonard Michel**, Tribal Member, commented on today's discussion about the building that Art Caye wants to remove on tribal property.

**Shelly Fyant** discussed the information and progress reports from Erica Shelby and Patrick Yawakie, the interns. Shelly reviewed the duties: GOTV and Suicide Prevention. There were 5 duties associated with GOTV activities. **Dean Nicolai**, SKC Faculty Advisor; **John Dillon** and **Jojo Ducharme**, Governance Instructors; **Erica Shelby** and **Patrick Yawakie**, Interns; discussed the internships. They are required to do 3 internships in the governance degree. Erica and Patrick presented their first report on Get Out The Vote activities.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (6 present – Shelly Fyant out of the room).

Council **adjourned** at 3:55 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman  
Tribal Secretary