

**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 24, 2018  
Approved: May 31, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ronald Trahan, Chairman; Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman; Troy Felsman, Secretary; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Dennis Clairmont; James Steele, Jr.; Leonard TwoTeeth; and Shelly Fyant.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charmel Gillin (Personal Time Off); and Carole Lankford (Montana Medicaid Training and Consultation).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 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 Len TwoTeeth.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for May 17, 2018 were presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Shelly Fyant to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

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

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Keymani Brings Yellow**, Ronan High School Student, requested financial assistance in the amount of \$1,000 to go to the Ambassador Summit in Los Angeles, California. She raised funds to help with expenses.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the donation request of \$1,000 to assist with travel for Keymani Brings Yellow to go to the Ambassador Summit in Los Angeles, California. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Melanie Smith**, Department of Human Resources Development; and **Eric Nation**, National Alliance of Drug Endangered Children; gave a report on yesterday's meeting.

**Shelly Fyant** left the meeting to provide the welcoming remarks at the Women 4 Wellness event.

There was discussion on suboxone. The data obtained at yesterday's meeting will be compiled to assess the needs of the community, and then there will be another meeting scheduled to develop a Community Strong Drug Endangered Children action plan to address the needs.

**Dick Wunderlich**, Polson Rural Fire Department, thanked council for the lease for the Big Arm Fire Department. The monthly water fee was removed, and that helps the department. He thanked the Tribes for offering some tribal land to build a station in Polson to cover the southern area (Turtle Lake and Minesinger). **Gordon Gieser**, Fire Chief, was introduced to council. Gordon was hired as the chief in September 2017. The Fire Department added air bags and stabilizers to improve services.

**Melanie Smith**, Department of Human Resources Development; and **Eric Nation**, National Alliance of Drug Endangered Children; requested to meet with council in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

**Shelly Fyant** returned to the meeting.

**Brian Berguist**, Ronan Chamber of Commerce Manager, met with council for a meet and greet. Brian looks forward to growing the community and businesses and he wants everyone included in events. He encouraged the Tribes to include information/events in the *Things Happening* weekly publication and monthly newsletter. **Shelly Fyant** discussed the Gracious Space meeting she attended yesterday to facilitate and promote civil conversations between people with diverse opinions. We have a very divisive community. Shelly participated in the regional economic development group discussion. We do not have a reservation-wide plan to protect or promote our area. Shelly invited Brian to attend those meetings. Janet Camel was designated as the Tribes' point of contact for the Chamber of Commerce. **James Steele, Jr.** discussed the animosity between the Tribes and Lake County and encouraged Brian to visit with the County. The Tribes' financial contribution to the area economy is substantial. **Mr. Berguist** was interested in attending any community events/meetings. He wants to include a historical section in the newsletter, and he wants to receive the

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information directly from the Tribes so it is not skewed in any way.

**Tony Incashola, Jr.**, Tribal Employee, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Daniel Decker** and **Jordan Thompson**, Legal Department; **Teresa Wall-McDonald**, Tribal Health Department; **Vern Clairmont**, Financial Management; and **Jason Adams**, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority; discussed the draft concept for the upcoming meeting with the Montana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. **Len TwoTeeth** advised that the elders want to know the status of the alleyway by the new storage units in Elmo. The abandoned alleyway should have reverted back to the Tribes. They should have requested the Tribes' permission. **Council** agreed to proceed with the concept outlined.

**Vern Clairmont**, Financial Management; and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to provide orientation on the tribal corporations.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

**Council** met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority Board of Commissioners vacancies. **Cory Clairmont**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to accept the results of the ballot and appoint LeEllen Bundy-McLeod and Rachel Gould to the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a four-year term. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

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

**Council** met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Mission Valley Power Utility Board vacancy. **Cory Clairmont**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by James Steele, Jr. to accept the results of the ballot and

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appoint LeEllen Bundy-McLeod to the Mission Valley Power Utility Board to fill the unexpired term. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Len TwoTeeth** informed council that he would like Laurence Kenmille to attend a meeting on enhancing tribal IDs for border crossing purposes in Tucson, Arizona. **Chairman Trahan** requested that the necessary information be provided to Dallas.

**Martin Charlo** and **Arlene Bigby**, Kicking Horse Job Corps Center; and **Vern Clairmont**, Financial Management; gave an update on KHJCC issues and an overview of the conference call with Victoria. A group of students did not sign back in when they left the center until after the fact, so that is something management is taking care of. There was some graffiti on the cafeteria door; there are security cameras at the center and an investigation is underway. There are currently 13 students at KHJCC. **Shelly Fyant** would like there to be clear expectations and benchmarks for the Contractor's Representative. Martin should be the liaison between the Tribes and the Department of Labor. Martin commented that safety and security is a top priority. The trash has been cleaned up but there is still an ongoing concern with bear activity. Fish & Game provided wildlife training to the students and the students have been made bear aware. There are 5 vacant positions that were advertised and interviews were conducted. The KHJCC staff were invited to participate in the weekly conference call with Victoria. Council asked about an employee qualifying for a position with Law & Order, but was not qualified for KHJCC. Arlene Bigby advised that the Personnel Department screens the applications. The center still has some vacant security positions. The KHJCC's rating increased by 3/10th of a percent. **Martin Charlo** requested approval to implement a 4/10 work schedule for the Security and Group Life employees. The new schedule would provide coverage 24/7. **Shelly Fyant** asked about coverage for the midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift. Martin will revise the schedule to ensure all shifts are covered and present back for consideration.

**Shelly Fyant** gave an update on the Smurfit Stone situation. The Missoula County Sheriff's Department had flown a drone over the site. Missoula County wanted EPA to do water samples and split the tests between EPA and Missoula County. The delegation was notified. Senator Tester sent a letter to Region 8 EPA and Senator Daines sent a letter directly to the Director of EPA requesting that something be done.

**Troy Felsman** gave a report on meeting about the burial policy with Rick Evans and Ralph Foster yesterday. Various cemetery committees were there. The \$5,000 burial benefit was discussed and how the funeral homes can better advise customers. Legal will be reviewing the policy for burial and whether a fee can be charged for burials at the cemetery. Getting the CKN to come out with a media push on what the burial fund use is intended for (to provide assistance).

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It was a productive meeting.

**Chairman Trahan** reminded council of the health committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow at the THD office in St. Ignatius. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.

**MOTION** by Troy Felsman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Council **adjourned** at 4:10 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

**CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES**

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Troy Felsman  
Tribal Secretary