

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN NATION, MONTANA**

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Held: June 6, 2019
Approved: June 25, 2019

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

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.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for May 30, 2019 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2019, with corrections. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Ellie McLeod thanked council for nominating her to serve on the MMIP Task Force group and she assured them that she takes this position seriously and will do the best she can. She commits to reporting back to the council after each meeting. Ellie welcomes the opportunity to meet with council or go to lunch with them. She will continue to work with Jami on the local work group. The group is working on the vision and mission statement. **Shelly Fyant** told Ellie that CSKT is a Public Law 280 tribe so we do not have the same issues other tribes do as far as law enforcement not responding or having good working relationships. That is the primary issue for other tribes.

Julie Cajune, Tribal Education Department, reviewed the tribal consultation response letter for prioritizing demonstration grants by privatizing and outsourcing services. **Shelly Fyant** commented about the comments that are on record about how it affects our BIE school.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the response, as written. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Julie Cajune and **Miranda Burland**, Tribal Education Department; **Dan Decker** and **Shane Morigeau**, Legal Department; discussed a draft letter to Polson in response to the regalia issue at Polson High School. We were approached by the ACLU and got a request to sign on to a letter with the ACLU and NARF. The Legal staff came to a consensus that the best approach is to send a letter from the Tribes and let those organizations send their own letters. Julie has been working with the school to implement other programs at the school. The Tribes' expectation and understanding is that the school will change policy but the letter also included language that we continue to be a partner and appreciate the programs they are implementing. It is important to recognize they are making changes and working with the Tribes. Legal wants to send a form letter to other schools saying the same thing and expecting everyone to update policy to conform to the Code. Julie reported that all high schools require any customized changes to graduation attire to go through a review process. It is not for looking at native regalia, but at other students that may do something inappropriate, as some kids will do at times. The school has to approve the changes to the caps and gowns.

***Shelly Fyant**, for the record, "Arlee does not have a review process for graduation regalia."*

Julie Cajune would rather do a prevention than an intervention with the school. Julie is taking the principal and superintendent at their word that they would not restrict native regalia. We can use this opportunity to educate all schools on this law, including the school's legal counsel and school board members. **Shelly Fyant** commented that the heart of the issue is the superintendent's comments in the Missoulian about native regalia. Until he makes a statement correcting that it was not stereotypical or a racist comment about our students, she cannot support this letter. This law changed in 2017 so the school had plenty of time to change their policy. **Miranda Burland** gave a report on the meeting with the school. He had wanted to use the Indian Parent Committee because he was hoping to gather information and guidance from them since he is not aware of what is and is not appropriate. Miranda did not feel he was being racist. **Charmel Gillin** understands the intention, but kids self-identify their affiliation as tribal so there must be a process that the school would want to maintain. It sounds like that is what they are trying to do. In the past, some kids (Caucasian) came out with inappropriate tee shirts, so it is a struggle how to address this at

this point. She hopes that given the context of the superintendent's comments as reported that he would be interested in clearing that up and putting it in the right context as part of a public record. It gives the hate mongers the opportunity to use that and students could take it and run with it. **Chairman Trahan** commented that it appears that the school is willing to work cooperatively with the Tribal Education Department.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the letter, as written. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 8 for; 2 opposed (Shelly Fyant and Charmel Gillin).

***Shelly Fyant**, for the record, "I oppose the letter because I feel like it's not direct enough to Polson High School and their outdated policy regarding the 2017 law. And given the history of Polson and their actions towards Indian graduates in the past, I feel it's putting our tribe in kind of a weak position."*

***Chairman Trahan**, for the record, "I agree to disagree with you. They are working on it. There is some history on this, and they are moving forward and getting to the point of addressing the law."*

Shane Morigeau asked if the tribal council wants the legal staff to draft another letter to the other schools basically saying what we discussed earlier about the law changing. It was the **consensus** of council to draft a letter and present back for approval.

Tony Incashola, Jr. and **James Lozeau**, Tribal Forestry, requested approval to hire Randy Kelley on a TEA thinning contract. A couple weeks ago, they got approval to hire a nonmember, but that person accepted a job elsewhere, so this would replace the previous hire. The hiring process was followed and council action is required to hire a nontribal member. Tribal Forestry continues to advertise the vacancies in the Char-Koosta News and there are still positions available for tribal members. All hires for these positions require a pre-hire drug test. **Charmel Gillin** requested clarification that there are jobs for tribal members. Tony responded that yes, these positions are for tribal members. Forestry runs a continual advertisement. This contract was made available to tribal members. Tribal Forestry can hire up to 25 people, but so far only has 14. Tribal members are not applying for these positions. Forestry uses this process based on the direction he got from the tribal council previously. Charmel thought that if Forestry was to create a potential pool of tribal member thinners and using historical contract information and when we have a vacancy rather than a standard ad, they could have their own list to go through and have an open contract. That would give more preference to tribal members and maybe that would satisfy council. **Dennis Clairmont** commented that they have been offered to tribal members and there is not enough tribal members applying, and the work needs to be done.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to approve the hire of Randy Kelley on a TEA thinning contract. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 7 for; 3 opposed (Shelly Fyant, Myrna DuMontier and Charmel Gillin).

Tony Incashola, Jr., Tribal Forestry, presented a resolution for TUPS regarding the meeting from two weeks ago. It was sent out for resource manager and council review. A performance bond would be required for use of skidding equipment. Fuel may be harvested in designated areas if the area is evaluated and approved along with NEPA approval. "R" was removed on fuel wood for snag retention for the 200-foot requirement. It needs to be a cleared area and be evaluated by the resource managers. **Charmel Gillin** commented that it does not appear to be the same language as the last resolution. Tony explained that is because he was directed by council to clarify the language regarding NEPA requirements, so that is what he did. Charmel wants time to review the revised resolution, along with the people that are impacted by it like the meeting they held prior with the small loggers. It is productive to go through each section and have dialogue on it about the impacts to the parties. **Shelly Fyant** told Tony that she was the one that had asked for NEPA clarification and it is still unclear to her an appropriate NEPA document and it is more restrictive to them. She was concerned about the length of time it takes to get a permit. **Leonard Michel** does not like how council is trying to rush through everything just to get out of the chambers. He wants council to request that Tony send out specifically what NEPA says that he has to follow to each of the cutters trying to get jobs and the specific policies that prohibit council, Tony, or woodcutters doing what they are trained to do. With the thinning program, we had a crew in the 1970s. We need to start that up again and train young people. All we do is hire nontribal members. The tribal council works for the membership and they need to let the membership make a living. Leonard thinks the tribal council just puts more and more obstacles in front of us. There are no jobs for young people and they look to the tribal organization to help them. **Charmel Gillin** commented that morale is low on all sides and she wants a mediated process for this. **Fred Matt** thinks it would behoove us to establish a committee to work on these issues. **Carole Lankford** asked if there was a reason why they do not apply for these jobs. **Dan DePoe** said they do not apply because gas is \$3.00 a gallon. **Shelly Fyant** raised concern about this item not being on today's agenda so the impacted people did not have a chance to provide any input. **No action taken.** A meeting will be scheduled.

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

Patricia Courchane, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval to submit an application to the Department of Health and Human Services Office for the Administration for Children and Families Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Grant. It was previously

approved by the council, but she did not present a resolution and a resolution is required, so she is seeking approval again.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve by resolution submission of the application to the Department of Health and Human Services Office for the Administration for Children and Families Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Grant. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 19-134

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF) COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS TO STRENGTHEN AND PRESERVE FAMILIES GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES:

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is the dully recognized governing body of the Flathead Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to the sound planning management of the Flathead Reservation resources; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have directed the Department of Human Resource Development to continue efforts to address the needs of children/youth who are crime victims, as the Tribes strive to create a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used to support the development, implementation, and evaluation of primary prevention strategies to improve the safety, stability, and well-being of all families through a continuum of community-based services and supports.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation approves the application submission to the Department of Health and Human Services Office for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project will be placed organizationally under and managed by The Department of Human Resource Development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairman and his designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute the grant and/or contact documents and any amendments thereto.

Joe Durglo, Dr. Coram and Brandy Couture, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of the Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Policy. The policy was reviewed at the Tribal Health Committee meeting and will provide access to alternative medicine. **Shelly Fyant** raised concern about people that do not use Tribal Health as their primary care provider due to HIPAA violations by Tribal Health employees. Joe explained this service is available when Tribal Health is a beneficiary's primary care provider. This is for the purpose of managing the resources and to collect data on the demand of the resources and health benefits for these services. Any HIPAA complaints can be followed up on if a complaint is filed. There is a process in place to investigate such claims. Joe wants to manage this transition in an organized way. Brandy and Lisa can audit the EPIC system and identify what medical records the Tribal Health employees are accessing. **Charmel Gillin** wants it recognized as phase one so the objective would be to expand that opportunity to people using other primary care providers. Joe advised that a review and analysis could be done through a directive from the tribal council. Collecting data is difficult to obtain unless a patient voluntarily agrees to share their health records with the Tribal Health Department. **Myrna DuMontier** commented that she is a tribal person and she wants those traditional medicines included in the policy.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Policy, with a twelve-month pilot project and report of information upon completion. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Joe Durglo, Dr. Coram and Brandy Couture, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to pursue accreditation for the Tribal Health Department. There are a number of benefits to accreditation and this is the first step to get direction on pursuing it. It will take more than one year to receive accreditation, so there will be sufficient opportunity for review and input by the council or a Health Board. There is a need to operate at this standard; we want the community to know that is the expectation of healthcare delivery from the Tribal Health Department. **Charmel Gillin** asked if the TAPO process would be followed and if an amendment to Ordinance 83 would be necessary. Joe explained it would be a lengthy process; Tribal Health had prepared draft bylaws and invited the Tribal Legal staff to the meetings to discuss accreditation and having a Health Board. He would take guidance from Lana on the TAPO process. There is direction needed from the tribal council at this point to refine the bylaws and how we want to deliver healthcare. Ordinance 83 has a Health Board identified already. **Shelly Fyant** questioned the communication between the Health Board, Tribal Health and the Tribal Council since the Health Board would

remove the Tribal Health Committee made up of the Tribal Council members. Joe responded that the Health Board would be required to report to whatever standards that are identified. As part of the reporting mechanism, it would include health measures. Shelly wanted to know if DPHHS would still report to the tribal council. Joe explained that the DPHHS has a governmental consultation requirement to the tribal council. Shelly also wanted to know compensation for the Health Board and how that would be funded. Joe said it is not outlined in the bylaws yet; they would provide oversight on health measures so the council could consider it in the budget process.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to approve by resolution the Tribal Health Department to move forward toward accreditation. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 8 for; 2 opposed (Charmel Gillin and Myrna DuMontier); 0 not voting.

Charmel Gillin, for the record, "I would have liked to have had an assurance from Legal whether or not the language in this resolution creates any conflicts as stated previous and I would have voted for it if I had that assurance."

Myrna DuMontier, for the record, "Where I'm high centered is public input. Is this what the people want? Is this what our tribal community wants? I don't see where they've been privy to any proposed changes. I'm just needing more input from the tribal people."

Joe Durglo informed council that input would be required; this action gives the Tribal Health Department the authority to just start the process and to move forward with the process.

Leonard Gray and **Anita Matt** agreed to amend the motion and second to include legal review. **Council** agreed to the amended motion.

RESOLUTION 19-135

APPROVAL FOR THE TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE THE ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATION FOR AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE (AAAHC) ACCREDITATION AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:

WHEREAS, the CSKT Tribal Council is the duly-elected governing body of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and is authorized to act on behalf of the CSKT Tribes; and the CSKT Tribal Council established the Tribal Health Department pursuant to Public Law 93-638 to administer and manage its healthcare programs and services per CSKT Tribal Ordinance 83; and

WHEREAS, the CSKT Tribal Council authorizes the pursuit of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) accreditation; and

WHEREAS, the CSKT Tribal Council authorizes the implementation of a Tribal Health Department Board as the governing body of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Tribal Health Department programs and services; and authorizes the implementation of Bylaws to govern the Tribal Health Department Board; and

WHEREAS, the CSKT Tribal Council supports the Tribal Health Department's pursuit of AAAHC Accreditation, and the CSKT Tribal Council recognizes that AAAHC Accreditation requires compliance with healthcare standards and regulatory requirements, as well as the incorporation of policies, procedures, and practices specific to healthcare organizations; and

WHEREAS, the CSKT Tribal Council has reviewed the Tribal Health Department's AAAHC Accreditation requirements and has determined that they are consistent with the healthcare goals in the operation of the Tribal Health Department's programs and services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CSKT Tribal Council approves the Tribal Health Department to pursue the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) accreditation and associated requirements, including Tribal Health Board and Bylaws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CSKT Tribal Council delegates the Chairperson the authority to execute any documents and agreements necessary as may be required to give effect to the transactions, herein contemplated, and to take such other actions as may hereby be necessary and appropriate to carry out the obligations there under, and that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Rob McDonald, Communications, presented a request for a new Facebook page for the Fitness Centers as an approach to capture positivity of health and wellness and better communicate hours and share positive stories. **Charmel Gillin** would like Tribal Health to find the funding for 24/7 access to a gym. Paul said it is safety issue. Some gyms are open 24/7 and they have issues with that.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to give the Tribal Health Department permission to do a Facebook page for their facility. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present- Fred Matt out of the room).

Len TwoTeeth brought up our walking path behind the clinic in Elmo. It is falling apart and he does not know who maintains it. Len requested the

chairman to follow up and see what we need to do to get it back in order. **Chairman Trahan** will follow up.

Rob McDonald, Communications, presented a request from Velda Shelby. She is involved with the SKC Tech for Good Camp that exposes the tribal membership and community to new ways of thinking and learning technology and exposes young people to potential careers. The event is scheduled for early July and she asked if the council would have Rob's budget fund a series of advertisements to promote the event. Rob cannot give away a tribal resource, so it would require council action.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to have council sponsor the ad for the Tech for Good Camp through Rob McDonald's program. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Valenda Morigeau discussed funding to help raise the reward money for information about Jermain Charlo. It has been almost a year since Jermain went missing. She thanked council for everything they have done already. The CSKT funded the first billboard that was put up for six months. The billboard company has donated three billboards up to date. The Tribes have donated \$1,000 already for information on her whereabouts and Valenda is asking that it be increased to \$10,000. It has to be life changing for that person to come forward to tell the family where she is. For the billboards, the family has a Go Fund Me that has received \$600 in donations. A portion of that amount is from the MMIW work group. They are asking \$2,600 to keep it up for another six months. The billboard company will continue to donate their billboards so long as the paid billboard is up. She is asking for an additional \$9,000 for a reward for information. **Len TwoTeeth** wants to use the Mission Valley Power billboard at least three or four times a week. **Guy Baker**, Missoula Detective, suggested seeking Crime Stoppers money from the City of Missoula. Guy is the lead detective on this case. He thinks \$10,000 is a good amount to offer. It should also be clear that the reward money will be paid out only if their information results in criminal charges being filed so we know the Tribes' investment would go a long way and hold someone accountable for what has happened to Jermain.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to pay \$2,600 for the billboard and increase the reward amount to \$10,000, only if their information results in criminal charges being filed. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Carolee Wenderoth and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, returned to council to seek approval of the best bids for the 2019 Spring Bid packet. The spring bid packet was reviewed at the land committee meeting.

MOTION by Anita Matt to accept the 2019 Spring Bid packet as presented. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Carolee Wenderoth and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Robert Gauthier for a letter of disinterest in Flathead Tract 4461, containing .18 acres. The land committee recommended approval.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve a letter of disinterest in Flathead Tract 4461. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 8 for; 2 opposed (Ron Trahan and Myrna DuMontier).

Carolee Wenderoth and **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, requested approval of the 2019 summer and winter fireworks sales to be awarded to the highest bidder. 4 sites were advertised; 2 sites did not receive bids on. The two sites that received one bid each.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to accept the bids on the fireworks sales. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 9 for; 1 opposed (Ron Trahan).

Frank Tyro, Salish Kootenai College, read information he got from Aaron Pruitt about the Boulder site and requested more information on this. **Tara Irvine**, Tribal Lands Department, provided the information requested. The Division of Fire and the Fire Department were approved to have three repeaters. She spoke to MVP if we had PBS up there right now. They would need their own meter pole and base and building outside of the existing fence. There is not much room there. They cannot put up a repeater at the existing location. Frank will confer with MVP and PBS to see about accommodating those conditions. He wants to return the first of July to see where we stand with that. **Carolee Wenderoth**, Tribal Lands Department, asked that he work with the Lands Department in getting this to the next step to get this back to council so it can go through the proper process.

Jeanne Christopher, Early Childhood Services, requested to purchase capital equipment. ECS received permission from BIA Part B & C to utilize carryover funds to go towards the purchase of a handicap bus. ECS has sufficient funding to pay the difference that would be owed.

MOTION by Anita Matt to have Jeanne get the bids from Property & Supply for the bus. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 8 for; 2 not voting (Shelly Fyant and Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Jeanne Christopher, Early Childhood Services, consultant contract modification to extend the contract with Side By Side until May 31, 2020 and increase the amount to \$102,500.00.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the consultant contract modification to extend the contract with Side By Side until May 31, 2020 and increase the total amount to \$102,500.00. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, 9 for; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

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

Willie Keenan and **Brittani Clairmont**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to apply for funding of \$10,000 from the St. Louis Zoo WildCare Institute.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve by resolution submission of the application for funding of \$10,000 from the St. Louis Zoo WildCare Institute. Seconded by Myrna DuMontier. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 19-136

RESOLUTION BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES TO APPROVE THE GRANT SUBMISSION “CONSERVING NATIVE POLLINATORS ON THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION” TO THE ST. LOUIS WILDCARE INSTITUTE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have established a Natural Resource Department, which is held with the responsibility of protection of the environment and people residing on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

WHEREAS, the Tribes’ Pesticide Program has been working with U.S. EPA to implement the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) that reflect the tribe's goals to provide safe production, sale, purchase, processing, transportation, handling, storage, application, disposal and other uses of pesticides in Indian Country for the protection and management of the natural resources and health of the people. In addition, the Tribe’s Pesticide Program has a working relationship with the St. Louis Zoo Wildcare Institute to protect native pollinators from pesticide impacts.

WHEREAS, the grant submittal is requesting \$10,000 over a two year period;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the Tribes' Pesticide Program and their grant submittal to the St. Louis Zoo Wildcare Institute.

Rich Janssen and **Dale Becker**, Natural Resources Department, presented a request for a collection permit for Notre Dame to work with undergraduate students. Most of the collection sites are at the National Bison Range. **Shelly Fyant** wanted wash stations for their trucks to be included in the permit. Rich will include it.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to grant the collection permit, with changes. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Rich Janssen and **Dale Becker**, Natural Resources Department, presented a request for a collection permit for Dr. Gary Belowsky, Notre Dame University, to study sites within the National Bison Range doing grasshopper and vegetation surveys.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to grant the collection permit. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Tom McDonald and **Dale Becker**, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of the SKQ Dam Project Submittals which are the fiscal year 2018 Annual Report and the 2020 Work Plan.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the fiscal year 2018 Annual Report and the 2020 Work Plan. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Tom McDonald and **Dale Becker**, Natural Resources Department, informed council that the Recovery America Act gets introduced this month. Tom handed out a draft press release for council review. Once council comments, he can get it submitted.

Rich Janssen, Natural Resources Department; and **Mike Durglo**, Preservation Office; requested approval of the BIA Resilience grant submission for \$142,000 to continue climate change initiative. June 10 is the deadline to submit the application.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve by resolution submission of the BIA Resilience grant for the planning initiative. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 19-137

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TRIBAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLANNING INITIATIVE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are a federally recognized tribe, recognized by the United States Government and all of its Governing bodies and agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming scientific evidence of climate change driven in part by the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, the effects of which may significantly affect environment, natural resources, and infrastructure on which the Tribes have traditionally relied; and

WHEREAS, inaction in the present may yield negative social, environmental, cultural, and economic consequences in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Department will oversee and coordinate the Climate Change Adaptation Initiative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the chairman of the Tribal Council and his designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute this grant on behalf of the Tribes' Tribal Council.

Mike Durglo informed council that Senator Tester will be at the Kettle House Brewery to announce the rollout of the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship. Mike, Vernon and Tony, Sr. were all invited.

Myrna DuMontier ran into Chuck Sanders that has a gate that is continually open and he wants something done like setting up a camera or lock the gate because the cows keep getting out. Myrna gave the message to the Lands Department yesterday, and she did not know if council was copied on the conversation but Lands said it would require council action to install a camera.

Chairman Trahan presented a request from the Missoula County Commissioners to get a tribal flag to put in their meeting room. It was the **consensus** of council to approve the request.

Shelly Fyant discussed a letter we received from a Home Owners Association about closing off Rice Lane. The road is heavily used for funeral processions and the pow wow. It costs \$1,200 per year to maintain the road. **Len TwoTeeth** reported that the tribal council dealt with the owners about 3.5 years ago. The owner wanted to convert the road to the Tribes, but we declined to take ownership of it. It is a private road. If they choose to close it, that is their decision.

Len TwoTeeth gave a report on his visit with Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee yesterday. There were two messages they wanted him to give to council. The first one is the elders feel that we are kind of losing our tribal identity about us being a tribe again. Our tribal organization is looking like a huge corporation. In addition to PIR Day, we implement a cultural orientation to the tribal staff. The second one is getting information out to the membership. It was suggested we use some mechanism out there on what is going on with the Tribes on a daily basis. People walking through the front door could look at a screen and see what all the programs are doing that day. Then they could participate in meetings.

Leonard Gray suggested sending the information to Dan Lozar to find out what it would mean for us to maintain Rice Lane. It helps with funeral escorts, which benefits the community. **Carole Lankford** mentioned a road that goes through the Buffer Zone. The road is heavily used and emergency vehicles cannot get access. She asked council to consider that one too.

Shelly Fyant wanted to know where we are at with out investigator. **Dan Decker**, Legal Department, identified one and is working on the proposed contract.

Anita Matt asked if Dan has heard from MDOT yet. **Dan Decker**, Legal Department, reached out to Jason Smith and sent the email she requested, but he hasn't heard back from him.

Carole Lankford wants Dan to keep track of all the costs this is costing us for the investigator and work associated with the investigation. **Dan Decker** advised that Rick Eneas would be the main contact for invoices.

Dan Decker, Legal Department, met with council in **executive session** to discuss a legal matter.

Council met in **executive session**. **Dan Decker**, Legal Department, was present for discussion.

Charmel Gillin left the room due to a conflict of interest.

Rhonda Swaney, Legal Department, joined the discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to adjourn the meeting.

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Council **adjourned** at 3:25 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

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Shelly R. Fyant
Tribal Secretary