

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

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Held: January 14, 2020
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelly Fyant, Chairwoman; Anita Matt, Vice-Chairwoman; Ellie Bundy McLeod, Secretary; Martin Charlo, Treasurer; Fred Matt; Carole Lankford; Mike Dolson; Leonard TwoTeeth; and James “Bing” Matt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charmel Gillin (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 9:02 a.m. Quorum established.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for January 3, 2020 were presented for approval. **Len TwoTeeth** asked if the meeting with S&K Gaming was set up yet. Jennifer told council that Tara Irvine and Mark Couture were setting that up and she is waiting to hear from them. **Jennifer Trahan** was directed to follow up.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2020, with corrections. Seconded by Ellie McLeod. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for January 7, 2020 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2020, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

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Thomas “Sonny” Lozeau, Tribal Member, discussed a petition he is conducting on Article IX. He submitted a sample copy of it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Mr. Lozeau requested a copy of the eligible voters list to verify the signatures. People that are running for tribal council are allowed to have a copy of the eligible voters list. Under Article IX, Sonny thinks it is his right to have it. The petition moves to rescind Ordinance 40-A (Revised) in its entirety. **Fred Matt** would like to have a legal opinion. **Jordan Thompson**, Legal Department, would like to discuss privacy rights with the managing attorney before making a recommendation. **Carole Lankford** wants the Tribes to put out some public information if this goes forward, because public education is necessary. **Mike Dolson** believes it is public information and should be made available. **Jami Pluff** informed council that when she served on the Secretarial Election Board they got the list and it had to be returned to the Enrollment Office. It is up to the Board whether they are valid signatures, not the petitioner’s responsibility. **Martin Charlo** questioned whether Mr. Lozeau would be providing more information on this issue to the public. **No action taken.** Council took the request under advisement. Council asked Mr. Lozeau to meet with the Legal Department and have Jordan provide a report back to council.

Mary Pierre, Tribal Member, informed council that she is homeless. She sees many other people being homeless. Young people are having babies and living on the streets. She wanted to do something about it and she became homeless. People are being denied housing. She applied to the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority and was denied housing. **Carole Lankford** advised that Mary is number 15 on the housing waiting list. **Patricia Courchane**, Department of Human Resources Development, checked at the Transitional Living Center. She met with Pat Matt this morning, as requested. DHRD is out of phone cards but does have some Walmart gift cards that can be given to her. DHRD provided services to her earlier this month. She is eligible for DHRD services. **Council** directed Jami Pluff and Patricia Courchane to walk her through the process to obtain any assistance available.

Jessica Lozeau, Tribal Employee, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter. **Jordan Thompson**, Legal Department, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Dan Durglo, Salish Kootenai College, introduced **Professor Dan Lee** and **President Steven Bahls**, Augustana College, who are here to learn about us a people and visit the college. Mr. Bahls used to be the Associate Dean of the University of Montana School of Law. The Students from Augustana College introduced themselves to council. The group took a photo with the tribal council.

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department, and **Marie Torosian**, The People's Center; requested permission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 through the Montana Economic Development Preserve Historic Sites and Museums for upgrades to the HVAC system and renovations to The People's Center, including upgrades to the water/sewer system, and replace the entrance doors to be handicapped accessible. **Council** requested that a copy of the resolution be submitted.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve by resolution the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Montana Economic Development Preserve Historic Sites and Museums for upgrades and renovations to The People's Center. Seconded by Ellie McLeod. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-043

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS TO MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FOR BUILDING UPGRADES, REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the People's Center under direction of Tribal Education Department was established to provide public education on aspects of traditional lifestyles and histories of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille people in museum exhibits, classes, exhibitions and presentations as sanctioned by tribal Elders and the Culture Committees; and

WHEREAS, the People's Center, as part of its effort to provide public education to the public maintain a museum with historic exhibits, storytelling, an education room for classes, meetings and performances is in need of building maintenance, improvements, repairs and renovations to be able to host participants; and

WHEREAS, the People's Center is soliciting funding from the Montana Department of Commerce's Historic Preservation Grant up to \$500,000 to make necessary and needed building improvements, update, enhancements and repairs in our efforts to continue our education of public throughout the Flathead Reservation; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, the People's Center under direction of the Tribal Education Department is authorized to submit the Montana Department of Commerce's Historic Preservation Grant proposal documents with its updates and revisions

to further carryout the purposes of the funds request, and to integrate and implement needed building repairs, updates and enhancements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the submission of the Montana Department of Commerce's Historic Preservation Grant for building repairs, updates and enhancements, proposal documents and authorizes the Tribal Chair and her designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute this contract on behalf of the Tribes.

Clayton Matt, Tribal Services; and **Dr. Corum**, Steering Committee Member; requested approval of a resolution to create the Tribal Health Steering Committee. The steering committee would set up a board and the board would hire the next Tribal Health Department Director.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve by resolution the creation of a Tribal Health Steering Committee, with the stated changes. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-044

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TRIBAL HEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined the necessity to establish a Tribal Health Steering Committee for the purpose of providing consideration of by-laws for a health care organization; and,

WHEREAS, the committee is comprised of health care, financial, and administrative professionals with Tribal Health experience, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council will compensate members for their service, from the established date of the committee, and

WHEREAS, members of the committee who are employees of the Tribes may elect to take personal leave, or work on committee issues as a part of their work schedule, and

WHEREAS, the members who are not full-time employees of the Tribes shall be compensated at a rate of \$125.00 per meeting plus mileage, and

WHEREAS, the committee shall meet as often as necessary to complete draft by-laws for the consideration of the Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the committee shall expire upon presentation and acceptance of corporate by-laws, except that the Council may elect to extend the life of the committee beyond the presentation of by-laws for the purpose of implementation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Health Department shall be responsible for maintaining a record of meetings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the aforementioned resolution creating a Tribal Health Steering committee for the purpose of preparation of a health care organization is approved.

Rhonda Swaney and **Dan Decker**, Legal Department; and **Dan Lozar**, Safety of Dams; discussed a request from the Safety of Dams for a limited waiver of sovereignty of immunity for a consultant agreement with HRD Engineering, Inc. for electrical safety upgrades at the Flathead Pumping Plant. It was agreed by the parties that any conflict would be handled through the applicable law. **Len TwoTeeth** does not want to jeopardize our sovereign immunity.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve a consultant agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Rhonda Swaney and **John Harrison**, Legal Department, informed council that the National Wildlife Federation has approached CSKT to speak to the tribal council about a project with the Indian Law Clinic on a feasibility study with regard to tribal participation in expanding buffalo in other areas in Montana.

Rhonda Swaney and **John Harrison**, Legal Department, informed council that Dale Becker had a request regarding wolf trapping on the reservation on fee land by nontribal members. That is something we would not allow. John worked with the tribal staff to coordinate our response to that. A copy of the letter will be provided to the council. The issue continues to be monitored. If the issue elevates beyond the staff level, it will come back to council. John asked about who the IBMP delegate is. Bing Matt is the council delegate.

Rhonda Swaney and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department, discussed the Ktunaxa Protocol Agreement and whether council wants to schedule meetings. **Len TwoTeeth** wants to hold meetings on the Kootenai language and artifacts. Len wants to figure out what we are going to do with the artifacts. There had been prior discussion about purchasing the Pablo Bank building for them. He wants a meeting set up as soon as possible. It was the **consensus** of council to have a meeting scheduled. Stu suggested a separate briefing on the bank building. Len wants the Kootenai elders invited to the meeting.

Rhonda Swaney and **Stu Levit**, Legal Department, gave an update on the Kallay vs. CSKT court case. The judge ruled in favor of the Tribes. The appeal period should have concluded by now.

Rhonda Swaney, **Ryan Rusche** and **Mary Price**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal issues.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Len TwoTeeth left the meeting.

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the S&K Business Services Board of Directors vacancy. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to accept the results of the ballot and appoint John Whitworth to the S&K Business Services Board of Directors to fill the partial term ending May 2021. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Council **recessed** the regular meeting to attend a luncheon and orientation at Mission Valley Power.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting.

Council reviewed the resolutions for the appointments of delegates/alternates to boards and committees.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate for the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-045

RESOLUTION ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL (RMTLC) APPOINTMENT

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

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC) is dedicated to improving health, economic development and education for Tribes and their members through a variety of programs, policy recommendations, and Tribal Leader meetings. RMTLC also endeavors to coordinate advocacy and promote the similar interests of member Tribes through various collaborative initiatives and projects.

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes place a high value on the Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the RMTLC Board shall be composed of the representatives, elected or designated by the tribal councils of each of the reservations in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint Len TwoTeeth as delegate and to appoint Carole Lankford as alternate.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate for the Inter-Tribal Bison Council. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-046

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTER-TRIBAL BISON COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the Inter-Tribal Bison Council (ITBC); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of the ITBC and the ITBC's Articles of Incorporation; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint James "Bing" Matt as the official delegate and Len TwoTeeth as the official alternates to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the ITBC.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Seconded by Ellie McLeod. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-047

RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS (ATNI)

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member in good standing in the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes meet all requirements for Tribal membership pursuant to Article II, Section B of the Constitution of the ATNI; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that Shelly R. Fyant, Chairwoman, who is the principal official of the Tribes, is authorized to take the necessary action to place the Tribes in membership in ATNI and based on the Tribal membership of 8,074 persons, as verified by the records of the Flathead Agency, the Tribes shall have the appropriate number of votes in accordance with Article II, Section A of the ATNI Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the ATNI Constitution, the Tribes designate Shelly R. Fyant as Delegate and Anita L. Matt as Alternate Delegates to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate for the Inter-Tribal Timber Council. Seconded by Ellie McLeod. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-048

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) was established in 1976 and is a non-profit nation-wide consortium of Indian tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and individuals dedicated to improving the management of natural resources of importance to Native American Communities; and

WHEREAS, the ITC works cooperatively with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Private industry and academia to explore issues and identify practical strategies and initiatives to promote social, economic and ecological values while protecting and utilizes forests, soil, water, and wildlife. Over 60 tribes and Alaska Native corporations currently belong to the Inter-Tribal Timber Council; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead reservation promote sound, economic management of Indian Forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint Fred Matt as delegate, and to appoint James “Bing” Matt, Carole Lankford, Len TwoTeeth and Tony Incashola Jr. as alternates.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate for the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-049

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION

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

WHEREAS, the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) has been established by the Board of Public Education and the Office of Public Instruction to act in an advisory role to them in matters affecting the education of students in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes place a high value on education of the Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, under the Bylaws of MACIE, Article I, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are entitled to representation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint Ellie Bundy McLeod as delegate and Michael Dolson as alternate.

MOTION by Mike Dolson to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate for the National Congress of American Indians. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-050

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wishes to become a Member Tribe in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians; and

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes meets all requirements for Tribal Membership pursuant to Article II, Section I, b of the Constitution of the National Congress of American Indians; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council, which is the official governing body of the above named Tribe, hereby authorizes Shelly Fyant, who is the principal official of the Tribe, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in NCAI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on membership of 8,074 persons, as verified by the records of the Flathead Agency the Tribe shall have 170 votes in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the NCAI Constitution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the NCAI Constitution, the Tribe designates Shelly Fyant as Delegate and Ellie McLeod as Alternate Delegate and instructs them to become individual members in good standing in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the National Congress of American Indians.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate for the National Indian Gaming Association. Seconded by Ellie McLeod. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-051

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION

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

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wishes to become a member tribe in good standing of the National Indian Gaming Association; and

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes meets all requirements for Tribal membership to the National Indian Gaming Association; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council, which is the official governing body of the above named Tribe, hereby authorizes Shelly Fyant, Chairman, who is the principal official of the Tribe to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in NIGA; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribe designates James “Bing” Matt as Delegate and Martin Charlo as Alternate and instructs them to become an individual member in good standing in order to fulfill his responsibilities as official Delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association.

Jennifer Trahan was directed to draft letters for the boards and committees that require one.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution the appointment of Anita Matt as delegate and Mike Dolson as alternate to the Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-052

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTERTRIBAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of the IAC; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Vice Chairwoman, Anita Matt, as the official delegate and Councilman, Michael Dolson, as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the IAC.

MOTION by Ellie McLeod to approve by resolution the appointment of delegate and alternate to AMERIND Cell and AMERIND. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-053

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO AMERIND CELL AND AMERIND

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing with Amerind Cell and Amerind,

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of the Amerind Cell and Amerind; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilwoman Carole Lankford as the official delegate and Councilwoman Charmel Gillin as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of Amerind Cell and Amerind.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of Ellie McLeod as delegate and Bing Matt as alternate to the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-054

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing with Native American Fish and Wildlife Society NAFWS; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of NAFWS; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilwoman Ellie Bundy McLeod as the official delegate and Councilman Bing Matt as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of NAFWS.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of Martin Charlo as delegate and Carole Lankford and Anita Matt as alternates to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee. Seconded by Ellie McLeod. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-055

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO TRIBAL SELF GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of TSGAC; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilman Martin Charlo as the official delegate and Councilwoman Carole Lankford and Vice Chairwoman Anita Matt as the official alternates to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the TSGAC.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of Mike Dolson as delegate and Ellie McLeod as alternate to the National Indian Education Association. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-056

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to remain a member tribe in good standing in the National Indian Education Association (NIEA); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes fully support the efforts and activities of NIEA; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Councilman, Michael Dolson, as the official delegate and Councilwoman, Ellie Bundy McLeod, as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the NIEA

Carole Lankford asked about the Gaming Advisory Board, Equal Work For Equal Pay, and the Drug Court she is appointed to. **Anita Matt** suggested getting a letter from the tribal council stating that Carole serves on those committees. Bing Matt asked about IBMP.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to appoint Bing Matt as delegate and Len TwoTeeth as alternate to IBMP. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

Carole Lankford informed council that Marie Torosian is doing a fundraiser and wants to feed the council Indian tacos on the day of the council retreat. It was the **consensus** of council to have the food catered by Marie.

Mike Dolson asked if we have any statistics on how Ordinance 40-A has served the Tribes over the years. Years ago, he knew it was 38% tribal members in the prison system. **Shelly Fyant** said a couple years ago the Legal Department put together a packet on Public law 280. There was a study on it. **Jennifer Trahan** was directed to get this scheduled on the agenda.

Martin Charlo had someone come in about the elder payment. He is looking for direction. The elder said he was signed up and the address was wrong or something. He should have gotten the payment but he did not get it. He was signed up but there was a problem with the bank or address. Martin wants to visit with Rick Eneas to find out more information. **Shelly Fyant** wants a larger conversation on the sign-up process for the elder payment. She did not see any publication in the Char-Koosta about a deadline to sign up. **Anita Matt** asked about the Elders program during the orientation. Rick had said something about November 20 being the deadline to sign up since the payments are made in January. Someone was too late for the sign up because they could not find the application so they missed out on the payment. **Fred Matt** did not see the announcement either. Missing the deadline should be revisited by the council. **Rick Eneas**, Financial Management, joined the meeting. Rick informed Fred that he should have received his payment and should have for the past three years. Rick knows the payment was sent out to Fred, so they would need to look into the specifics of that if Fred did not receive the payment. Fred asked him to find out if the check was cashed. Shelly said the notice in the paper, the deadline

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to sign up, and the process are the issues council discussed. Martin had someone's sister come in yesterday and said they signed up, there was something with her address and bank, and the elder did not get a check. Martin wants to know if it was a clerical error and if the money could be paid out. Rick gave an overview of the elder payment and the requirements in place. We have been doing this for four years. When we provide general assistance, there is an exclusion in the IRS Rules for the General Health and Welfare Act for Tribes to make these payments in a nontaxable way. He explained the eligibility criteria and process for elder payments. All tribal members received a mailing, a box to check yes or no, and a letter explaining what the program is during the initial run. Some people decline the payment. Now we keep a list from Enrollment and Accounting keeps that list and sends them that packet when they are turning 65.

Len TwoTeeth returned to the meeting.

Rick wants to change the communication. We treated this is a one-time election whether to receive the annual payment. In the future, Rick wants to publish a notice a couple times a year that if a tribal member is sixty-five or older and wants to receive the payment, they must contact the office.

Ellie McLeod invited council to the MMIW presentation tomorrow from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the SKC Theater to discuss resources available, the current list of who is missing, the trends, and meet with the community to see what their concerns are.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 3:06 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Secretary