

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

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Zoom Meeting

Held: July 9, 2020  
Approved: July 14, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelly Fyant, Chairwoman; Anita Matt, Vice-Chairwoman; Ellie Bundy McLeod, Secretary; Martin Charlo, Treasurer; Carole Lankford; James “Bing” Matt; Fred Matt; Charmel Gillin; Mike Dolson; and Len TwoTeeth.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; 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 Carole Lankford.

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

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2020, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

**MOTION** by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, unanimous (9 present – Martin Charlo out of the room).

**Chairwoman Fyant** did a public service announcement to wear a mask. There are 17 confirmed active cases on the reservation since yesterday and 4 presumptive positive cases. 6 have recovered and are out of isolation. The total to date is 27 cases. This is no joke. We knew this was coming and here we are in the middle of it. Everyone should wear a mask in public. Building protocols were approved by the Tribal Council that requires anyone entering tribal buildings to wear a mask in the buildings. People will not be allowed in the tribal buildings if they refuse to wear a mask. If an individual does not have a mask, one will be provided. The Tribes are not open to the public at this time. We are under a Shelter In Place indefinitely until we get through this surge.

**Erica Shelby, Laurencia Starblanket, Leroy Black, Jr., Craig Pablo, and Patrick Yawaki-Peltier**, BLM Group, reminded council that July 16 is the date the Hellgate Treaty was signed and they want to put up signs in tribal businesses and other local businesses. With the per capita and COVID-19 payment coming out soon it would show tribal members who supports the Tribes. They want to do something for Hellgate Treaty Day. They want the council's blessing to ask local and tribal businesses to put up a poster in their business. Posters will be hung up in Missoula businesses too. Families will be out spending this money, and it is important for tribal members to know what businesses support tribal members. **Carole Lankford** appreciates the businesses that support the Tribes. **Leroy Black, Jr.** stated that the group would like to ask the businesses with reader boards to put "Hellgate Treaty Day" on them. **Charmel Gillin** was concerned about conflicting messaging with togetherness and then separation in our business communities; this is a touchy area. She had people tell her about their hesitation. She was told about some violence at the July 4 peaceful protest. We need to be careful, because it came across that it was the CSKT event. She does not know how we can be careful about how things are managed, but she would appreciate that. **Francine Dupuis** explained that the group started a protest without any incident until the end, and it was not their group that started it. The group thought it was important to let people know they are on a reservation. If we dress with ribbon skirts, we are looked upon differently by other people. The group had kids with them and they saw the racism directed as them. With the spike in coronavirus they thought this would be different. They wanted to walk from Polson to Ronan on Treaty Day so our presence is known. The group was peaceful and was not doing anything to anybody. **Len TwoTeeth** thanked them for stepping up to participate in the march and for acknowledging this important issue and being proactive. We do not have the authority to have the group hang posters on non-tribal property. **Erica Shelby** commented that tribal entities should be one our side already, but this is for non-tribal businesses to support us and then we will spend our money there. **Carole Lankford** reported that the Tribes did that in the past, and there were tribal member businesses who did not want to get in the middle of anything and did not want to post anything. She does not want to bring something against people who do not want to participate. She asked the group to think through that, as well. **Martin Charlo** was leery about giving a broad approval without the Tribal Council reviewing the messaging. **Erica Shelby** responded that she could get the language to the Tribal Council by the end of today.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve the group to hang posters on tribal property and approach businesses on the reservation to see if they will hang the signs and acknowledge Treaty Day on their reader boards, contingent upon pre-approval of the messaging on the posters by the Tribal Council. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 1 abstention (Charmel Gillin).

**Dan McClure**, Natural Resources Department, presented a report on the road closures from June 4, 2020 to July 7, 2020. The Road Attendants have not had any issues. Most people understand what is going on, and the local residents are buying permits to access tribal lands. People from out of the area do not agree with what is going on. He has heard the Road Attendants are handling things professionally. 1,400 people were denied access. Last weekend 2,200 contacts were made and 410 people were denied access. 1,800 people were granted access to tribal lands. There has been 5,062 total contacts since the program started. **Anita Matt** heard complaints about people accessing lands by the river and leaving garbage in the campsites. Dan reported that the Tribal Game Wardens and Division of Fire staff view the sites and clean them up. Anita said there are issues with people accessing the river on West Road. They go by Fousts and then gain access by the Matts, or they go three miles down off site of Lamoose's and get to the river. Many rigs were driving through there. People have made their own boat ramp there. It has become a problem. **Dan McClure** will provide the information to the Game Wardens to follow up. **Chairwoman Fyant** commented that we have 32 access points that are used more than others and she asked the department had any thoughts to adding more places or deleting any. Dan reported that McDonald Lake, Mission Dam, St. Mary's Canyon, and Jocko Prairie are the four busiest sites. Magpie has some activities, but is not as busy as the other four sites. The sites are manned 7 days a week. He has been paying attention to those areas and has not thought about expanding sites. Shelly has received a lot of positive comments about us exercising our sovereignty on our lands. **Len TwoTeeth** asked if we can use the COVID money to fund this project. **Chairwoman Fyant** told him that we are using the Public Safety funds for this program.

**Rick Eneas**, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 11 to the fiscal year 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Earmarked fiscal year 2020 funding under the CARES Act has been awarded for Child Care Discretionary and Community Service Block Grants; and earmarked fiscal year 2020 funding under the WIIN Act for Irrigation Projects has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve by resolution modification 11 to the fiscal year 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

## **RESOLUTION 20-123**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 11 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BIA SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT BUDGET**

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

**WHEREAS**, earmarked FY 2020 funding under the CARES Act has been awarded for Child Care Discretionary and Community Service Block Grants; and

**WHEREAS**, earmarked FY 2020 funding under the WIIN Act for Irrigation Projects has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget will be allocated as follows:

<b>Programs, Functions, Services, and Activities</b>	<b>Budget Account</b>	<b>Current FY 2020 Budget Authority</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Revised FY 2020 Budget Authority</b>
COVID Child Care Discretionary	13-502-4720	0	347,763	347,763.00
COVID Community Service Block Grants	13-502-4721	0	28,221	28,221.00
31A Canal Rehab	13-503-4611	0	200,000	200,000.00
Tabor Dam Diversion	13-503-4612	0	1,107,999	1,107,999.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,683,983</b>	

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to modify the FY 2020 BIA Self-Governance Compact Budget as reflected above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the FY 2020 BIA Self-Governance Compact Budget is increased from \$47,282,009.49 to \$48,965,992.49; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that prior years' unexpended funds are available to appropriate for budget expenditures pending final obligation of funds.

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

**Vernon Finley**, Kootenai Culture Committee, requested approval of a contract with Keya Tech, LLC that is funded by the Montana Indian Language Grant program for \$24,000. It was reviewed by Contracts & Grants. Keya Tech, LLC is a tribal member that can build the app and modify it if needed. She works for the Information Technologies Department. **Carole Lankford** questioned her being a tribal employee and then entering into a contract. Vernon said she would do the work on her own time (after hours and weekends) so it would not conflict with her duties. Mike calculated 606 hours at \$30.00 per hour, and questioned why the amount was \$24,000. Vernon explained that it would be the top end, and she will only get paid for hours worked.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve the contract with Keya Tech, LLC. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 7 for; 2 abstentions (Len TwoTeeth – had technical difficulties; Martin Charlo – out of room for discussion); 1 not voting (Charmel Gillin out of the room).

**Chairwoman Fyant** asked if the Kootenai Culture Committee has done any outreach to get the economic stimulus forms turned in. Vernon said that they are checking with everyone in the community and if they don't have a computer then the staff will fill out the form for them. Anita Matt asked Vernon if he got the elder in Niarada. **Vernon Finley** reported that the elder is doing well. She had visitors from out of state and they made sure she was kept in a safe place and they quarantined for two weeks, so all is good. He got her a stimulus form and Dorothy filled it out for her.

**Patricia Courchane**, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval of a resolution to form a Tribal Social Services Child Welfare Board. Members of the board consist of current foster parents, professionals, and prior clients. The group participates in monthly mapping and attends meetings to complete the five-year plan. It has not been reviewed by the Legal Department. Ann Miller, Winona Tanner, and Maylinn Smith serve on the board, and Carole Lankford serves as the Tribal Council representative.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution the formation of a Tribal Social Services Child Welfare Board, with review by the Legal Department. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Carole Lankford).

#### **RESOLUTION 20-124**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A DHRD CHILD WELFARE BOARD TO REVIEW AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS IN CSKT TRIBAL CHILDREN'S CODE, DHRD-SOCIAL SERVICES POLICY, PROCEDURES, PRACTICE AND SYSTEMIC CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL SAFETY, PERMANENCY AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN WHO ENTER INTO AND OUT OF CSKT-DHRD TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES FOSTER CARE, VIA REMOVAL, REUNIFICATION, GUARDIANSHIP(S) AND CUSTOMARY ADOPTION(S). THE CHILD WELFARE BOARD WILL ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MEETING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF ANY APPROVED TITLE IV-B PLAN**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes –Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) and Casey Family Programs have entered into

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a formal five year agreement in which both have agreed to work together to identify, implement and assess practices that meet both of our mutual goals that support the CSKT Tribal Council vision regarding the care and protection of youth in care;

**WHEREAS**, the CSKT Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) is able to work cooperatively with the members of the Child Welfare Board: (Tribal Council Representative, Casey Family Programs, Tribal Court Judge(s), Adult Protective Services,(APS), Social Services Representative(s), Tribal Defender's Office, Prosecutor's Office, Foster Parent Representative(s), and former Parent(s) involved in CPS/foster care), for the Flathead Indian Reservation (service area);

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council acknowledges that the Child Welfare Board will be selected and administered by the CSKT Department of Human Resource Development (DHRD);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and her designated representative are authorized to negotiate, review, develop and execute the Child Welfare Board and/or its members, Tribal Children's Code recommendations, policies, practices/updates, and procedural Manual changes thereto.

**Jessi Cahoon**, Tribal Health Department, requested an additional item be included in today's items. She submitted the agenda request, but it was not on today's agenda. It is a request regarding rate of pay for the Pharmacy Technicians. **Chairwoman Fyant** authorized this item to be added to today's agenda and requested that Jessi send the information to Jennifer.

**Jessi Cahoon**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to hire Chelle Gilham Brown to fill the Pharmacy Technician on a one-year temporary employment agreement. The vacancy was advertised and there were no qualified tribal member applicants. There are two vacant positions in the Pharmacy and this will help fill the gap.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve the hire of Chelle Gilham Brown on a one-year temporary employment agreement to fill the Pharmacy Technician position. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Jessi Cahoon**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to purchase capital equipment consisting of a medical grade refrigerator to protect medication stock.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the purchase of capital equipment consisting of a medical grade refrigerator to protect the medication stock. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Dr. Garry Pitts**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to hire Dr. Dave Burke on a three-year contract to fill the Pediatric Dentist position. He would be transferred to the Commission Corps to continue his military service, and he would be committed to the Tribal Dental Program for ten years.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve the hire of Dr. Dave Burke to fill the Pediatric Dentist position, as requested, on a three-year contract. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Dr. Garry Pitts**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of a resolution to apply for a grant through the Department of Health and Human Services to provide training, technical assistance, and support to the Dental program in the Billings Area.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution submission of the grant through the Department of Health and Human Services. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

#### **RESOLUTION 20-125**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR PROVIDING TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND SUPPORT TO DENTAL PROGRAM IN THE BILLINGS AREA**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) are eligible to apply for funds available through the department of Health and Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has authorized Tribal Health Department (THD), to seek, identify and develop grants to serve the needs of he clients who are eligible for services from THD; and

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes consistently look for opportunities to expand services to improve oral health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council approves the application of the THD in securing DHHS funds to continue the Montana/Wyoming Tribal Dental Support Center and to support improving oral health; THD is authorized to seek these funds through e-grant submission; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and her designated representative be authorized to negotiate and execute the grant and/or contract documents and any amendments thereto.

**Dr. Garry Pitts**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to purchase capital equipment consisting of a Hydrim Washer for \$8,436.08.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve the purchase of capital equipment consisting of a Hydrim Washer in the amount of \$8,436.08. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Council** requested legal review of the contracts. **Dr. Pitts** will follow up with the Legal Department.

**Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval of addendum 3 and addendum 4 to contract CMV00792 with the University of Montana for the Pharmacogenomics Study. Addendum 3 approves the contract for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. Addendum 4 would approve the contract for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021. **Erica Woodahl**, Lead for the Project, gave an overview of the project. They have been working with the Tribal Health Department since 2010. It was last presented to the Tribal Council on December 3, 2019. The Pharmacogenomics Study has been approved by the University of Montana Internal Review Board and the Salish Kootenai College Internal Review Board.

**MOTION** by Bing Matt to approve addendum 3 to contract CMV00792 with the University of Montana for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve addendum 4 to contract CMV00792 with the University of Montana that covers the period of August 1, 2020 through July 2021. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Joe Durglo**, Tribal Health Department, requested approval to renew a contract with Nicole Main to fill the Referral Coordinator position for three years. She has been in that position for a couple of years and the recommendation from Division staff is to renew the contract. This contract is supported by THIP dollars. **Anita Matt** questioned why the position was not advertised when the contract expired. Her understanding was that the positions would be advertised when the non-member contracts expired to seek out tribal member applicants. Joe advised that it was advertised when she was initially hired, and it is critical work that impacts patient care, and it is difficult to find qualified tribal member applicants. He could investigate some kind of trainee position. There are three Referral



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Coordinator positions and they are all filled by non-tribal members. **Council** thought it was a good idea to develop a trainee position.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve a three-year contract with Nicole Main to fill the Referral Coordinator position. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

**Jessi Cahoon**, Tribal Health Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve the request from Jessi Cahoon regarding the pay for the Pharmacy Technicians. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 7 for; 2 opposed (Mike Dolson and Len TwoTeeth); 1 abstention (Charmel Gillin).

***Charmel Gillin**, for the record, "I want to have an organization-wide lift of the pay freeze so all employees in the organization can have equal consideration."*

***Len TwoTeeth**, for the record, "When we discuss increase in pay requests, we should have a discussion at the chair's meeting prior to seeking council approval."*

**Gerry Browning**, House District 12 Democratic Candidate, introduced herself to the Tribal Council and provided information on her background and experience. Ms. Browning supports Medicaid Expansion. It is important that our healthcare not be taken away from us. She supports the water compact. **Chairwoman Fyant** informed her that a group came in this morning to request approval to recognize Hellgate Treaty Day on July 16, 2020 to commemorate our Treaty. **Ms. Browning** told council to contact Craig McClure and the Democratic Offices if they would like to hang posters in their offices.

**Jeanne Christopher**, **Carrie Antoine** and **Paula Wolford**, Early Childhood Services, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a departmental matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve by resolution submission of a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services funding the Early Childhood Services Head Start/Early Head Start quality improvement allocation. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 20-126**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ALLOCATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to improving the educational, training and employment opportunities of all children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has declared that the children of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille Tribes are our most valuable resource of the Flathead Indian Nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes support the application submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the annual funding level with a Quality Improvement allocation for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Early Childhood Services Head Start/Early Head Start program for the children of the Flathead Indian Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and/or her designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute the grant documents and any amendments thereto.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution submission of a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services funding the Early Childhood Services Head Start/Early Head Start cost of living adjustment. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 20-127**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to improving the educational, training and employment opportunities of all children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has declared that the children of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille Tribes are our most valuable resource of the Flathead Indian Nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes support the application submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the annual funding level with a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Early Childhood Services Head Start/Early Head Start program for the children of the Flathead Indian Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and/or her designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute the grant documents and any amendments thereto.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to approve by resolution submission of a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services funding the Early Childhood Services Head Start expansion quality improvement allocation. Seconded by Mike Dolson. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

## **RESOLUTION 20-128**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES HEAD START EXPANSION QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ALLOCATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to improving the educational, training and employment opportunities of all children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has declared that the children of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille Tribes are our most valuable resource of the Flathead Indian Nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes support the application submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the annual funding

level with a Quality Improvement allocation for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Early Childhood Services Head Start Expansion program for the children of the Flathead Indian Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and/or her designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute the grant documents and any amendments thereto.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve by resolution submission of a grant to the Department of Health and Human Services funding the Early Childhood Services Head Start expansion cost of living adjustment. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 20-129**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES HEAD START EXPANSION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to improving the educational, training and employment opportunities of all children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has declared that the children of the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille Tribes are our most valuable resource of the Flathead Indian Nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes support the application submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the annual funding level with a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Early Childhood Services Head Start Expansion program for the children of the Flathead Indian Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and/or her designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute the grant documents and any amendments thereto.

**Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, gave an update on the economic stimulus forms. Some people are not receiving confirmation for submission of the form. The forms were updated. Rob got a notice out yesterday about the office closures

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and listed the contact information for the forms. Jami takes numerous calls, emails and Facebook messaging letting them know that they do not have to fill out a new form and explaining when the forms first came out it was not an option to get an email confirmation it was received, and then Information Technologies changed that. People can call Tommy at extension 1002 or Arlin Tellier at extension 1014 to confirm receipt of the form. July 30 is the deadline to submit the form. **Chairwoman Fyant** commented that the payment will go to people that are enrolled and are alive on July 30.

**Council** reminded the membership of the free COVID-19 testing at the Hot Springs rodeo grounds from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today. The first 150 people will receive a gift certificate.

**Carole Lankford** informed council of some Facebook posts saying that the Tribal Council approved 25% hazard pay to our essential employees and it riled up the public about why aren't the nurses and other staff like maintenance getting this. She wants to discuss this on Monday. **Anita Matt** also received some calls, and she asked Rick Eneas to bring it up at Monday's chairwoman's meeting. **Chairwoman Fyant** requested that Legal attend that meeting, as well.

**Chairwoman Fyant** announced if people are sick, they need to stay home. We are in a heightened Shelter In Place order right now due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. People need to wear a mask when out in public and continue to wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds. They need to wear a mask if they are in a confined space with other people.

**Anita Matt** reported that USDA sent 4 staff and set up in the north parking lot by the Tribal Lands Department. Everyone wore a mask and gloves. They had over 20 people sign up. Mark Couture gave them a list of producers and they made some calls to local producers. They came up there or were calling the Farm Service Agency in Ronan making appointments. It was a successful event. Producers have until August 28 to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. It is a disaster program for marketing assistance. They provide so much with livestock (cattle, pigs, hogs, and buffalo). There is also a cropping rate. Cattle is \$33 a head for what is in inventory. If a producer sold between January 15 and April 15 it is \$135 per animal. It is a good opportunity for the producers.

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

**Fred Matt** left the meeting for the remainder of the day.

**Chairwoman Fyant** informed council that she was contacted by the Darby School chairwoman about an incident with the coach and wants tribal participation. **Council** will discuss further.

**David Strohmaier**, Missoula County Commissioner, requested a letter of support for the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority. 1979 is the last time we saw a passenger rail in Montana. There has been an effort to restore a passenger rail service with limited success. **Carole Lankford** would like to discuss this further at the chairwoman's meeting.

**MOTION** by Martin Charlo to approve a letter of support for the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present – Fred Matt out of the room).

Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 1:25 p.m. to conduct an S&K Bancorporation shareholder meeting.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 1:46 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod  
Tribal Secretary