

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

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Zoom Meeting

Held: June 9, 2020
Approved: June 11, 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; James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:04 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Chairwoman Fyant.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for May 28, 2020 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2020, with corrections. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 8 for; 2 abstentions (Carole Lankford and Len TwoTeeth).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for June 2, 2020 were presented for approval. **Chairwoman Fyant** asked the status of Ellie reaching out to SKC to see if that survey was subject to IRB. **Ellie Bundy McLeod** advised that it is subject to IRB and she reached out to the gal and asked her to work through Stacy Sherwin. She did not know whether she did that yet or not.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2020, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present – Charmel Gillin out of the room).

Steve McDonald, Jean Matt, Greg Gould, Rob McDonald, and Rick Eneas, Unified Command Team gave an update. **Jean Matt** reported that we will have most of the information in operations today. He thanked everyone for being part of the UCT and he looks forward to the update. **Greg Gould** reported that the primary task is the mass testing. All four locations have been secured. The Polson site changed to the Polson High School. Messaging will reflect that change. They will provide water bottle giveaways. They are having a good community showing on that. The staffing for the event is shaping up nicely. Chelsea Kleinmeyer is leading that effort. They had about three nursing positions that are vacant as of this morning. Our total staffing is going to be around 240 (60 people a day over the 4 days), so it is a significant effort. They are working on incentives for people getting tested and are implementing the strategies recommended by FRCA about purchasing gift certificates to local vendors in each location, so there will be a gift certificate to different vendors in Arlee, Pablo, Polson, Elmo. They will utilize a grand prize structure where someone tested will receive a gift card. It is coming together very nicely. Outside of the mass testing event, he is still watching state numbers and the cluster in Crow very closely. Crow continues to have new cases each day that are subsequent from the initial cluster. They have lots of messaging being crafted. **Rod Couture** has been working with the operations division on mass testing and giveaways. He is working with a lot of local schools that are giving him their final list of PPE. He will deliver some of those this week. The main thing is getting the hand sanitizer distributed throughout the tribal departments. **Len TwoTeeth** asked if there is a scheduled site visit for the Governor to come here. Greg Gould received word the Governor will likely attend one of our events, but he does not know which one. They suggested Pablo as a good site for him to visit, but they have not received any final notification. The team is prepared for his visit. Shelly said Jason Smith reached out and asked if we wanted him to attend the Arlee or Pablo site and she said whatever his schedule allows, so he will be here. Len suggested he come to the Elmo site.

Rick Eneas gave a financial update. He is working with logistics and operations on those care packages. We are good to go on that end. We are maintaining a limited amount of funds going directly through the UCC team for FEMA reimbursement at this point. **Len TwoTeeth** discussed Gate Guards to be funded through the CARES Act funding. He asked if we are also going to be reimbursed through FEMA. Rick reported that FEMA notified us that they would not fund those costs. He had worked with the State on what we will have in the pool for reimbursement from the CARES Act funding. There was discussion about the reader boards placed at the reservation entrances. We were looking at evaluating whether those continue as a UCC messaging or whether the Tribes rolls those in for more tribal specific messaging. The distinction of messaging has been harder to maintain in a UCC way given the county reopening according to the State's plan. They are still evaluating that. It might have an impact on what we are seeking reimbursement for. We have received indication those

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should not be an issue. We have to submit the documentation and they will review it before we get a final determination on reimbursement of those expenses.

Anita Matt left the meeting to participate in an Intertribal Ag Council Conference Call.

Rob McDonald announced that the messaging on mass testing will come out this week. There will be radio ads. He will distribute materials to get the word out on social media. The print ads can be adjusted as needed. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that the council will revise the return to work plan. The original statement was masks are a personal choice, but after consulting with Tribal Health the council put out a revised statement that is forthcoming today. **Jean Matt** noted everyone's continued hard work for the mass testing event. **Steve McDonald** reported that the new incident action plan was issued this morning; the next one will be issued in two weeks.

Dan McClure gave an update on the land monitors. 158 individuals applied for the Road Attendant positions. Dan has been making phone calls trying to get them hired. 25 individuals took the drug test two weeks ago. He hired 14 of them. He has 4 more coming in today for orientation that passed the UA. 7 of the 25 applicants failed the drug test. The Fish & Game officers posted 50 signs at the entry points on all tribal lands. We had a couple that were folded or torn up, and they were replaced. The weekend totals were emailed to council. McDonald Lake had the most visitors over the weekend. 80 people were turned away. One was from England. 699 contacts were made and 202 people were denied access from out of area or no conservation permit to be on the property. The locals went to the closest vendor and purchased permits. Two-thirds of the people denied access were from out of the area. The report does not include the Fish & Game statistics. 56 people were turned away from Mission Dam. St. Mary's Lake Canyon is on the list. Right now, Dan has McDonald Lake, North Crow, and South Fork with seven-day coverage. Dan has been working with the individual that wants to work in the Lozeau Primitive Area. He had failed his drug test, so it was sent to another clinic. If he passes the drug test, he will begin monitoring that area this weekend. Dan is going through the list today. He made eleven calls today and only two people answered their phones. He is still trying to find the rest of people needed to hire. Dan discussed the Buffalo Bridge site. He has people that can see the river where the off-roading happens and people riding the riverbed. They can see the entry at the south side of the bridge. That is all posted with the signage. They are making the contacts; weekends are the busiest. **Fred Matt** received a call from an elder veteran that applied, but has never received any feedback on whether he was even considered for a job. **Len TwoTeeth** requested that the chairwoman see if Personnel is applying veterans preference on these jobs. **Chairwoman Fyant** will follow up.

Renee Joachim, Personnel Department, requested approval of a letter of

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commitment to support to the National Indian Council on Aging. Renee reached out to the Office of Economic Development, Tribal Health, and DHRD, and only received comments from EDO. **Carole Lankford** was curious why it didn't come from DHRD, instead of Personnel and EDO. Shelly explained that EDO was contacted through the Community Service program, so she asked Renee to coordinate a tribal response and told her to reach out to programs regarding elders and employment. That is an issue if DHRD hasn't replied. People aged 55 and older is who the employment program is for. Shelly can follow up with DHRD. She wants to approve the letter so we can proceed with this program. Carole said it says comments were submitted from Patricia and sent to Clayton. Renee commented that she spoke to Patricia about this, and Patricia was going to contact Constance. The deadline for the letter is today. that is why it's a short turnaround time for the letter.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the letter of commitment. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Anita Matt and Fred Matt out of the room).

Renee Joachim, Personnel Department, discussed the July floating holidays, due to the pow wows being canceled. Those two floating holidays replace the Columbus Day and President's Day federal holidays. If approved, Renee recommended they be designated for July 6 and July 20.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the floating holidays to be designated on July 6, 2020 and July 20, 2020. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present – Anita Matt out of the room on a conference call).

Anita Matt returned to the meeting.

Major Dave Strysko, **Lowel Hochalter** and **James Strysko**, Chainbreakers and Lifeguard Group; and **Mike McElderry**, Liaison; gave an informational PowerPoint presentation. Dave has a passion for combatting human trafficking and has been involved in the MMIW issue. He gifted the tribal council with a painting of Jermain Charlo. Dave opened his presentation with a prayer. The PowerPoint is their vision for KHJCC to be the Chainbreaker Community Center. It is a three-prong approach to cover a four-step process. It needs to be a holistic approach. The vision is to have a sacred refuge where people connect with their Creator. The mission is to serve as this generation's community connection with their Creator in the Mission Valley and greater Montana region in order to preserve the land as a sacred refuge. They are seeking the blessing of the tribal council. They cannot and do not want to do anything without the council's blessing. If the council blessed this effort, they would start building a team. That would be a collaborative effort to get the right people for the right job and people that are passionate for the right reasons; look for donors and funding to commit to this; and would need to have access to KHJCC to assess what is

needed. **Chairwoman Fyant** thanked them for the work they have done on this issue and the ambitious proposal they submitted. We are coming upon the two-year anniversary of Jermain missing, so things are difficult. She thanked them for recognizing all lands are sacred. **Charmel Gillin** was supportive of this type of holistic approach. A group should take the lead on the coordination for the development, fundraising, and seeking our existing resources and plugging them into areas they could easily be plugged into. **Ellie Bundy McLeod** liked the holistic approach. It helps make our people stronger and the ability to help others. She has a lot of faith, and the passion that is demonstrated in their commitment to do this is the driving force and will help make this succeed. The request from the group is for the tribal council to endorse the concept and welcome a proposal to designate the property for cultural and spiritual restoration through resource, healing and service support to and through community. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that we have a committee that vets proposals for use of the KHJCC site. This proposal needs to be vetted through that committee.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to pledge our commitment to support the work proposed in concept and pledge our willingness to actively pursue our role as partners and direct this proposal to the KHJCC committee for review. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Ruth Swaney, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 10 to the fiscal year 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. The 477 Program budget requires an increase for General Assistance, and allocation of final fiscal year 2020 Child Care Discretionary and Child Care Mandatory funding; and earmarked fiscal year 2020 funding for Real Estate Appraisals, Forest Development, Facilities Operations and Maintenance, and Forest Inventories has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution modification 10 to the fiscal year 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions (Charmel Gillin and Ellie Bundy McLeod).

RESOLUTION 20-111

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 10 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, the 477 Program budget requires an increase for General Assistance, and allocation of final FY 2020 Child Care Discretionary and Child Care Mandatory funding; and

WHEREAS, earmarked FY 2020 funding for Real Estate Appraisals, Forest Development, Facilities Operations and Maintenance, and Forest Inventories has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget; and

WHEREAS, the budget will be allocated as follows:

Programs, Functions, Services, and Activities	Budget Account	Current FY 2020 Budget Authority	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised FY 2020 Budget Authority
DHRD 477 Program	13-502-4770	6,774,232.06	175,136	6,949,368.06
TLD Real Estate Appraisals	13-503-4581	11,050.74	3,184	14,234.74
Forest Development	13-510-4507	547,475.05	517,000	1,064,475.05
Fire Lookout O&M	13-510-4520	68,103.26	5,214	73,317.26
FMIP	13-510-4539	837,392.79	40,000	877,392.79
Total			740,534	

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 \$46,541,475.49 to \$47,282,009.49; and

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

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

Corky Sias, Quicksilver, requested approval of a ten-year gas/fuel contract with Great Western for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 20, 2030. The contract was reviewed by Rick Eneas. Quicksilver would receive \$50,000 to be used as necessary for upgrades. He sent a copy of the contract to the Legal Department for review, but he has not received a response back yet.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the ten-year gas/fuel contract with Great Western, contingent upon legal review. Seconded by Bing Matt.

Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Marie Torosian, The People's Center, requested approval to submit proposal documents to IMLS CARES Act Grants for creating, preserving, and delivering digital content that improves and expands access to materials and collections during and after the pandemic.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution submission of proposal documents to IMLS CARES Act Grants for creating, preserving, and delivering digital content that improves and expands access to materials and collections during and after the pandemic. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-112

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS TO IMLS CARES ACT GRANTS FOR CREATING, PRESERVING, AND DELIVERING DIGITAL CONTENT THAT IMPROVES AND EXPANDS ACCESS TO MATERIALS AND COLLECTIONS DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC

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

WHEREAS, The People's Center through the Tribal Education Department was established to provide public education on aspects of traditional lifestyles and histories of the Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai people in museum exhibits, classes, exhibitions and presentations; and

WHEREAS, The People's Center through the Tribal Education Department as part of its effort to provide education to the public, will train and develop digital content that will improve and expand access to cultural education materials, collections and tribal histories during and after the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The People's Center through the Tribal Education Department is soliciting funding to develop an interactive online and off line programs to educate the public, and tribal members on the histories, stories and collections of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, The People's Center through the Tribal Education Department is authorized to submit the IMLS CARES Act Grant proposal documents with its updates and revisions to further carryout the purposes of the funds request, and to integrate and implement its established education work plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the submission of The People's Center/Tribal Education Departments program proposal documents and authorizes the Tribal Chairwoman and her designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute this contract on behalf of the Tribes.

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department; **Dr. Amanda Duley**, City of Missoula; **Holly Truitt**, Holly Truitt Consulting; **Dr. Rachel Severson**, University of Montana; and **Bill Swaney**; discussed a web-based learning project and an invitation to submit a noncompetitive proposal to the National Institute of Health to build a digital high school research space.

MOTION by Anita Matt to allow the Tribal Education Department to move forward and be a partner in this project. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department; and **Dr. Michael Munson**; requested approval to apply for the STEP grant through the Department of Education. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2020.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve by resolution submission of the STEP grant. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-113

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

WHEREAS, The U. S. Department of Education has published a request for proposals under the State Tribal Education Partnership grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department is the authorized Tribal Education Agency of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department, on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, desires to promote and improve collaboration among the tribal, state and local education agencies; and

WHEREAS, local education agencies administer certain Indian Education Grant formula programs that are eligible for consideration under the terms of the State Tribal Education Partnership program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the U. S. Department of Education be requested to make available a grant, pursuant to the terms of the request for proposal, to the Tribal Education Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council or her delegated representative is authorized to execute the transactional documents necessary to administer the grant on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department, requested the council's support of the PIR Day change to be a web-based event. It would be open for two weeks to allow time for the teachers to get through the sessions. An RFP would be advertised for speakers to develop and provide 50-minute sessions.

MOTION by Anita Matt to support the PIR Day change to be web-based. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

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

Len TwoTeeth left the meeting for the remainder of the day.

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a land issue. **Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Martin Charlo reminded the membership to wear their face masks while out in public. **Chairwoman Fyant** informed the membership that the tribal council sat in the chambers yesterday six feet apart and developed their return to work plan. The council worked out a plan to return to the council chambers the week of June 29.

Scott Johnston, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of CMGC addition of work package number 8 with guaranteed maximum price amendment 4 increasing the amount by \$747,255.18 for the Schley Homesite project. The total not-to-exceed amount of the contract would be \$3,176,017.52.

MOTION by Bing Matt to approve CMGC addition of work package number 8 with guaranteed maximum price amendment 4 increasing the amount by \$747,255.18 for the Schley Homesite project, for a total not-to-exceed amount of the contract of \$3,176,017.52. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Scott Johnston, Natural Resources Department, gave an update on the Montana 200 reservation entrance and exit signs near the Perma curves. The Montana Department of Transportation was involved in the approval process and a spot was selected. Approval from the landowners to move some fencing would be required.

Scott Johnston, Natural Resources Department, discussed the St. Mary's Lake Road bridge replacement design. The design is as complete as possible without having to purchase additional right of way from adjacent landowners. There are some parcels that are in fee simple through probate and temporary/permanent easements will need to be acquired by the landowner and filed with the county. Scott requested approval to approach the fee landowners to get the easements signed by them and recorded with the county.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve the request to approach the fee landowners to sign the easements. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Dale Becker, Natural Resources Department, requested that the quota be set at 30 bull elk and no limits on antlerless elk permits for the Ferry Basin Management Unit.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve the quota of 30 bull elk and no limits on antlerless elk permits for the Ferry Basin Management Unit. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Dale Becker wants to secure a box during business hours at the Natural Resources Department building in Polson. There will also be one secured at Law & Order. He is trying to make it as convenient as possible.

Dale Becker, Natural Resources Department, requested that the bighorn sheep quota be set at 6 ram and 4 ewe tags to be drawn for the Little Money Management Unit.

MOTION by Bing Matt to set the quota at 6 rams and 4 ewe tags to be drawn for the Little Money Management Unit. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Dale Becker, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of the 2020-2021 Gray Wolf Hunting & Trapping Regulations.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve the 2020-2021 Gray Wolf Hunting & Trapping Regulations. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for; 1 opposed (Shelly Fyant).

Dale Becker, Natural Resources Department, gave an update on the United States Fish & Wildlife Service Eagle Retention Policy & Process. Dale drafted a ten-step process that would be used in cases of dead eagles that are picked up. Dale requested approval for Whisper Camel-Means to be the permit holder on behalf of the Tribes.

MOTION by Ellie Bundy McLeod to approve Whisper Camel-Means as the permit holder on behalf of the Tribes. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Whisper Camel-Means, Natural Resources Department, requested approval to submit an application for funding to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service to study wildlife crossing structure designs for the remaining project in the Ninepipes area. This is specifically for grizzly bears and their safe movements across Highway 93.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution submission of the application for the United States Fish & Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife grant, pending review by Contracts & Grants. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-114

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have been organized to represent, develop, protect, and advance the views, interests, resources, and education of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes have established a Tribal Wildlife Management Program to monitor wildlife populations and habitats, recommend appropriate wildlife and habitat management actions, and oversee wildlife management projects; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes are eligible to receive funds to promote sound wildlife management activities for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Wildlife Management Program works actively to manage wildlife populations on the Reservation and works cooperatively with landowners, external governmental agencies and the general public to prevent

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and manage human-wildlife conflicts including those related to grizzly bear populations and US Highway 93; and

WHEREAS, Federal Tribal Wildlife Grants funds are available for wildlife management activities through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes approves the submission of an application for funding to develop updated recommendations for highway mitigation measures based on current accepted design and scientific research to safely move grizzly bears across highways on the Flathead Reservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairwoman is authorized to negotiate and execute the grant documents and any amendments hereto.

Rhonda Swaney, Brian Upton, Ryan Rusche, and John Harrison, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal issues. **Jami Pluff**, Policy Analyst, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Patricia Courchane, Natalie Kenmille and **Kelly Parker**, Department of Human Resources Development, discussed the Dire Need policy and expense report. Dire Need has spent \$59,311.85 to date. That does not include the COVID spending. \$7,467.50 has been spent towards COVID expenditures. The majority of the expenses have gone towards shelter, food and electric bills. The budget was set at \$85,000.00 and there is a balance of \$25,668.13. The breakdown of expenditures were: water and sewer was \$3,757.48; rent/deposits/hotel was \$12,458.24; electric/fuel was \$22,817.68; food/hygiene was \$6,189.74; emergency travel was \$2,300.00; and miscellaneous was \$2,630.22. **Chairwoman Fyant** has received many requests from tribal members who reside off the reservation. She asked how the Dire Need Policy was developed. **Natalie Kenmille** goes off the Dire Need application that was used when Sharon Silberman used to do Dire Need and the program does not fund off-reservation travel. There is a statement on the application that says individuals must provide proof of on-reservation residency to be eligible for assistance. When she started working in DHRD tribal members were only allowed to receive assistance once in a lifetime, and then later it changed to once a year.

Anita Matt left the meeting for the remainder of the day.

Patricia Courchane informed council that she has never been able to find a written Dire Need Policy. They just use this twenty-year-old application as the

policy. She suggested that the policy be updated. **Carole Lankford** commented that every administration does Dire Need differently. It has always been dependent upon availability of funds. The chair used to be authorized to approve requests over the \$300 limit. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that Jami Pluff could assist with updating the policy. **Charmel Gillin** would like the Dire Need Policy to be officially developed. She wants to see a screening or parameters used as DHRD or by any other organization that is vetting COVID-related funding issues. Patricia said there are some past payback agreements that have not been paid in full yet. The program no longer does payback agreements. **Jami Pluff** was directed to look at whether those people getting Dire Need for power bills are eligible for LIHEAP and if services are being duplicated. Patricia clarified that they are not eligible for LIHEAP if they have an outstanding past bill owing. **Council** directed DHRD and Policy Analyst to return to council in one week with the draft Dire Need Policy.

Martin Charlo discussed the Elders program and asked where are the masks and care packages that were supposed to be delivered. **Patricia Courchane** responded that paper masks will go in the care packages. They are waiting for the rest of the ingredients before the packages go out and it should be later this week. She will confirm that and notify Martin. Martin asked what is the protocol to go in elders homes. Patricia said they must wear a face mask and gloves. Most elders will not let the staff go in their homes and they have to drop off the packages at the door. Martin told her that one of the staff members went into an elder's home without a mask and gloves. Patricia will remind her staff to wear the PPE.

Charmel Gillin informed council that regarding whether tribal member owned businesses need help with the state of emergency, she received some emails from Dacia Whitworth and Mark Couture and it appears that the group Dacia is working with primarily needs to know if we have different guidance than the Governor regarding maximum capacity in facilities such as bars and restaurants. Mark was going to speak to Tara about the Flathead Raft Company and racetrack leases and be specific on what kind of direction they need. Resolution 20-091 closes tribal lands and was modified to allow camping by tribal members, and it is affecting the raft company. That resolution remains in effect at this time. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that they were supposed to be addressed at the June 15 Land Committee meeting. Those businesses could be directed to work with Brian Crawford. Rhonda drafted a resolution to vacate the shelter in place order. If we attached the shelter in place order, it is self-explanatory.

Charmel Gillin commented on the soft opening at S&K Gaming. Tammy Matt was concerned about why they allowed smoking in the casino. Tammy was the lead on the pandemic, but she was not involved in that. Shelly suggested that it be brought up to Clayton. He had sent out the email saying they are approved.

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Clayton worked with Brian Crawford. She assumed he worked with the other people within the Tribal Health Department, as well. **Chairwoman Fyant** will follow up with Clayton Matt.

Charmel Gillin informed council that she received a request from an elder asking about hazard pay. She asked if there could be an official statement sent through the department heads to the staff providing clarification on the hazard pay.

Charmel Gillin had an elder in Polson ask her about the problems they were having with that trust parcel in the city of Polson. There is an individual residing there without ownership. He was probably a potential heir, but no official probate was ever done. There is no way for officials to act on that matter. Mark Couture had told her that they are moving towards a probate on that now that they located a potential heir. The elder is concerned about potential drugs on site and about the children potentially affected. There are issues with the unsanitary conditions of the lot and people defecating in the yard, due to no water/sewer or electricity. Mark believes the ownership issue will get addressed and hopefully the heir will allow for some sort of remedy. The elder wanted to know if the individuals could be removed from the reservation. She thinks that would have to go through Tribal Court, but isn't sure anything has been written into Tribal Court. According to Mark, one of the individuals mentioned by the reporting elder is being held at Lake County. He is hopeful the ownership will be finalized by probate and solutions can then be sought. The report was for information only to follow up on the email shared with all of Council regarding this issue.

Chairwoman Fyant informed council of a request from the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders that we support Governor Bullock in his bid for the United States Senate seat. **No action taken.**

MOTION by Fred Matt to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 4:02 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Secretary