

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

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Held: March 16, 2020
Approved: March 24, 2020

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

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 9:26 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Len TwoTeeth.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin that in order to slow the onset of the Coronavirus epidemic we are going to limit our personal contacts throughout our tribal operations and therefore we are implementing a government-wide partial shutdown effective immediately and we are issuing a directive to the department heads to establish essential services schedule through March 27, 2020. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Chairwoman Fyant made it clear that the department heads are directed to determine the essential services that need to be provided. Telework is a new way of doing work for the people. During the shutdown, the essential services must still be provided and all required reports need to be submitted. This is a time for the employees to remain at home with their families. If employees are sick, they need to stay home. This does not mean go to the movies, shopping, or community gatherings. She reminded people that if they are sick they need to call their medical clinic prior to going into the clinic. It is important to get the word out. Not everyone has email or internet. Those medically at risk need to be checked on during this epidemic. We are resilient and can get through this. The CDC has many recommendations.

Jeanne Christopher, Carrie Antoine and **Alice VanGuntten**, Early Childhood Services, wants to change their temperature guidelines of a child to be set at 100.4 as recommended by the CDC. This is an emergency policy change to confirm with the CDC guidelines. ECS will work with the school districts to

provide meals to children. There are not very many employees who have 80 hours of personal time off. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that the council would be granting administrative leave during this two-week period.

Patricia Courchane, Department of Human Resources Development, informed council that commodities are available in case of an emergency and Sylvia's Store could be used as a base for a drop-off point. DHRD will be navigating how to get the care packages, meals and medications to clients. DHRD is gathering supplies. Social Services has been shut down. If it is necessary to go into a home, the workers are directed to call the home first to find out if anyone in the home is sick. Only severe cases will be handled during this shutdown. The employees will work from home. **Chairwoman Fyant** requested that the departments provide their plan in writing.

Constance Morigeau put a message on Facebook about the elder care providers to report to work. Elders need their services and the caregivers are considered essential service employees. The senior meals have been closed down and the meals will be delivered. Constance will contact the elders on a regular basis to let them know services are available for their needs. DHRD has plenty of elk meat available for elders. The department will work with Tribal Health on pharmacy needs. Trust Management will mail checks to the clients and work with them to address their shopping needs during the shutdown. **Charmel Gillin** would like to have a telephone hotline with primary needs areas.

Corky Sias informed council that the Transportation Program is transporting clients to their medical appointments and hospitals. The drivers do have concerns of transporting sick patients that may have Coronavirus. Corky let them take the day off today and he told them he would work out a plan. Quicksilver is closed today. Customers depend on their charge accounts. The employees have been wiping down the store on a regular basis. **Council** determined that Quicksilver is an essential service. **Kermit Clary** informed council that Property & Supply has 9 cases of toilet paper and some bulk sanitizers in the warehouse. **Charmel Gillin** suggested that Kermit consider re-order options and verification of need prior to handing out supplies.

Rick Eneas, Financial Management, informed council that Property & Supply is dedicated to making sure the programs have necessary supplies. The highest need will be looked at first. We are still moving prescriptions to the different pharmacies; if we go to delivering medications that service may no longer be available. They will work out a schedule to pay vendors and how much can be done remotely. Payroll will be processed today. Departments will need to submit timesheets for the next pay period. The per capita function is switching from Enrollment to Central Accounting, so we have many essential services working on that since it will be issued in 3 weeks. IIM got new computers last week and are on remote work status, so people can still receive services. The Tribal Credit

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Committee is looking at restricted access to the public. There are long-term solutions for electronic signatures. Tribal Credit is an essential service to the membership but the department will limit public contact as much as possible. **Chairwoman Fyant** requested that information in writing.

Winona Tanner, Tribal Court; **James Taylor**, Prosecutors Office; and **Ann Miller**, Defenders Office; informed council that the court is a high-traffic area. The group met this morning and will reschedule the jury trials on the calendar. Criminal court hearings will be rescheduled. Child Protection, Commitments and Juvenile cases are emergency hearings and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Traffic Court appearance dates will be rescheduled for a later date. There are 13 individuals in the jail and 4 of those require an initial appearance today. Inmates will be released early, if possible. Serious crimes against another person and emergency matters are the only kinds of arrests that will be made; everything else will get pushed back for a period of time. Mr. Taylor will seek clarification from the feds and IV-E to make sure we can continue review hearings and whether deadlines are being extended. The Prosecutors Office will have at least one staff person at work each day. The departments will need to hold court every day to clear out the backlog when that time comes. The Defenders Office will have a staff member at work each day but will not have the public come into the office during the shutdown. **Chairwoman Fyant** requested that information in writing.

Jean Matt, Mission Valley Power, informed council that Mission Valley Power is deemed an essential service in accordance with the union agreement and all 74 employees are required to report to work during the shutdown. MVP has over 20,000 customers and has received many calls from customers worried about their power. MVP had 48 hours of constant work along the east shore over the weekend. They are prioritizing the maintenance needs. Employees who are sick are sent home. The entire staff is working, so full services will continue to be provided to customers. Disconnects for nonpayment were suspended. People are still responsible for their bill. Each department within MVP is isolated. They are distancing themselves from the customers. They will discourage customers from coming in to the office. Jean is working with Rob McDonald about RAVE alerts specified for MVP employees. The April 28 annual meeting and all events in the conference room have been canceled. MVP is looking at long-term plans for people to pay their power bill. **Patricia Courchane**, Department of Human Resources Development, asked Mr. Matt, as a courtesy, if MVP could take their phone number because she needs to know about electricity cutoffs.

Brian Crawford, Tribal Health Department, announced that he would be hosting a housekeeping training this Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Polson Clinic (third floor). This will teach the staff/contractors about effective cleaning products and deep cleaning.

Renee Camel, Chuck Sanger and Matthew Beasley, Information Technologies, have been meeting about options for employees to work from home and what needs to be done to do that. IT has the availability for 50 employees to work from home. Additional licenses would need to be purchased if more employees need to work from home. Regarding digital signatures, everyone has Adobe on their computers, which can use digital signatures. IT can roll that out if the council takes action to do so. **Martin Charlo** asked about adjusting the Wi-Fi available areas. The Wi-Fi will probably be used more now that the children are out of school. **Renee Camel** will follow up to get that done. **Charmel Gillin** wants the departments to create a plan to do what they need to get done during this shutdown. Information Technologies has no available laptops. IT has purchased many laptops for the organization, so maybe those departments have laptops that could be loaned to other departments during this time. IT did not receive any requests to set up employees for telework. IT's main focus this morning is to get that done for employees requesting it.

Martin Charlo asked about Probation clients that are required to do testing and check ins. **Ann Miller** advised that in-person check-ins were reduced. **James Taylor** reported that the daily breath testing will be temporarily suspended.

Renee Joachim, Personnel Department, reported that in-person interviews will be canceled. Renee is concerned about the foot traffic that comes into the tribal complex. Job applications are available online. **Chairwoman Fyant** advised that Personnel is considered an essential service and needs to remain open. She asked Personnel to develop a written plan and submit to council. **Charmel Gillin** suggested that the background checks for personal care providers be followed up on and the emergency hire rosters in case we need to lean on getting more people on staff.

Jennifer Trahan, Council Support, reviewed the council agendas for Tuesday and Thursday. **Council** will have a council meeting tomorrow to address the action items.

Velda Shelby, Economic Development Office, requested guidance on the projects she has that are time sensitive and the webinar set for tomorrow. **Chairwoman Fyant** told her to see if it can be moved up and report back.

Jody Perez, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority, asked where her plan should be submitted. **Chairwoman Fyant** told her to send the emails to council@cslt.org. **Martin Charlo** asked if SKHA is taking steps to delay evictions to lessen the stress upon families during this time. Jody said the management team is meeting at 11:00 a.m. SKHA will postpone as much as they can.

Carole Lankford wants DHRD to attend the THD staff meeting.

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, had a meeting last week about what the staff could be doing. He asked program managers to report to work this week to develop a written plan. The spring bid deadline will be postponed for a week. The essential staff members will be required to work during the shutdown. Mark will submit a written plan tomorrow.

Craige Couture, Law & Order, informed council that law enforcement would operate as usual and be at full staff. As employees get sick, they are sent home.

Tony Incashola, Sr., Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee, has concerns about the wakes that will be held at the Long House. There is no way of knowing who has come into contact with anyone having the Coronavirus. There is a crew constantly cleaning up. There will be signs posted at the entrances to encourage people not to enter the building unless they need to. All meetings have been canceled for the time being. **Charmel Gillin** wants the elders to continue getting paid even though they are not attending meetings. **Chairwoman Fyant** followed up on Tony's request to close the Long House. She was agreeable to the closure, but would like the crew to clean the building.

Stephen Smallsalmon, Nkwusm, informed council that he was not supposed to be here today, but he came in anyway since he heard there was going to be a meeting. The kids will be out of school for a couple of weeks. He has been watching a lot of TV and does not know whom to believe. If we do not take care of our world, the Creator will. We should be prepared for this virus and he is glad the Tribes are closing for two weeks.

Rhonda Swaney, Legal Department, informed council that all of the Legal staff are capable of working from home so she will encourage that. Council needs to let her know if there is anything council needs Legal to follow up on.

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

Ann Miller, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of an attorney contract with Ryan Andersen.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution the attorney contract with Ryan Andersen. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Carole Lankford out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-077

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH RYAN ANDERSEN

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation wish to enter into an Attorney Contract with Ryan Andersen to provide criminal defense and assistance in civil matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all contracting parties that Ryan Andersen shall commence working under a contract with the Tribes according to terms and conditions stated therein; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that beginning on March 23, 2020, Ryan Andersen shall provide criminal defense and assistance in civil matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties until the expiration of this contract on October 1, 2021.

Ann Miller, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of an attorney contract with Brenda Desmond.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve by resolution the attorney contract with Brenda Desmond. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Mike Dolson); 1 not voting (Carole Lankford out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-078

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH BRENDA DESMOND

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation wish to enter into an Attorney Contract with Brenda Desmond to provide family defense, criminal defense, and assistance in civil matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all contracting parties that Brenda Desmond shall commence working under a contract with the Tribes according to terms and conditions stated therein; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that beginning on April 6, 2020, Brenda Desmond shall provide family defense, criminal defense, and assistance in civil matters through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court or the Montana State Courts of the local counties until the expiration of this contract on October 1, 2021.

Rick Eneas, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 7 to the fiscal year 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Earmarked fiscal year 2020 funding for the National Monitoring System and earmarked fiscal year 2019 funding for Job Placement and Training has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution modification 7 to the fiscal year 2020 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Charmel Gillin out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-079

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 7 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 for the National Monitoring System and earmarked FY 2019 funding for Job Placement and Training 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	6,646,932.06	20,190	6,667,122.06
Safety of Dams 24/7	13-503-4528	664,497.11	675,000	1,339,497.11
Total			695,190	

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 \$45,328,567.49 to \$46,023,757.49; and

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

Patricia Courchane, Department of Human Resources Development, requested approval to apply for the Families First grant.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve by resolution submission of the Families First Grant. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Charmel Gillin out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-080

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S BUREAU FOR THE FAMILIES FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT TRANSITION GRANTS (FFPSA) TO BE ADMINISTERED UNDER TITLE IV-B FUNDING WITHIN DHRD

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

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

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are committed to provide and protect all Native children residing within the boundaries of the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have directed DHRD to maintain and preserve the safety, permanency and well-being of all Native children in the care and custody of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Children's Bureau, Families First Prevention Services Act Transition Grants (FFPSA) provides grant funding to be administered under Title IV-B to protect and promote the welfare of all children; preventing neglect and/ or abuse or exploitation of children, supporting at-risk families through services where appropriate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby approves the application for the \$113,660 FFPSA Grants from the Administration for Children's Bureau.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the DHRD submission of the Families First Prevention Services Act Transition Grants (FFPSA) and authorizes the Tribal Chairwoman and her designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute the contract on behalf of the Tribes.

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, requested approval of two grant applications for the Invasive Species grant and the BIA Range Inventory grant.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution submission of the BIA Invasive Species grant. Seconded by Ellie Bundy McLeod. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Charmel Gillin out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-081

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS TO THE BIA NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE FOR FY 2020 INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior (USDI), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Flathead Agency, approved an Integrated Noxious Weed Management Plan in 1993 and the Tribal Lands Department is responsible for implementing the plan and managing invasive species using integrated pest management practices and an interdisciplinary team planning approach, and

WHEREAS, invasive species are devastating native grasslands, wildlife habitat, cultural resources and other resource values on nearly 200,000 acres of trust lands on the Flathead Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Lands Department has successfully treated thousands of acres of noxious weeds since 1993 and established effective planning, management, monitoring, NEPA compliance, and record keeping functions, and

WHEREAS, the Tribes have met the BIA proposal requirements to be eligible for its FY 2020 Invasive Species Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Lands Department is soliciting funding in the amount of \$15,059.35 to cover a portion of the project costs for treating approximately 48,000 acres of invasive species in FY 2020; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Lands Department is authorized to submit the Invasive Species FY 2020 funding proposal documents with any required

updates or revisions to carry out the purpose of the funding request, and to integrate and implement its most recent Invasive Species work plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes support the submission of the Invasive Species FY 2020 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.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution submission of the BIA Range Inventory grant. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 2 not voting (Charmel Gillin and Martin Charlo out of the room).

RESOLUTION 20-082

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A FUNDING PROPOSAL TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FY 2020 RANGE INVENTORY FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is entrusted with the responsibility to protect and preserve Tribal property, wildlife and natural resources, and to protect the health, security and general welfare of the Tribes;

WHEREAS, Bureau of Indian Affairs policy requires current and scientifically-based inventory data to support management planning processes and decisions, and there is a need to continue inventory and monitoring of Flathead Reservation grazing lands to protect and conserve natural resources,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has Range Inventory Program funds of \$22,345.00 available to conduct vegetation inventories and monitoring on Indian grazing lands;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs make funds available for vegetation inventory from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Range Inventory Program funds for fiscal year 2020 and that the Tribes' 2020 Annual Funding Agreement be increased to include such funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairwoman of the Tribal Council and the Tribal Secretary are authorized to negotiate and execute all required documents and any amendments hereto.

Anita Matt informed Mark Couture that she canceled the Dixon district meeting. **Ellie Bundy McLeod** announced that the St. Ignatius district meeting was canceled. **Chairwoman Fyant** announced that the Ronan and Pablo district meetings were canceled, as well. **Council** will discuss the quarterly council meeting.

Jeanne Christopher and **Carrie Antoine**, Early Childhood Services, requested approval to apply for the Early Head Start and the Expansion grant.

MOTION by Fred Matt to approve by resolution the HHS funding for the Head Start Early Head Start funding. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-083

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING THE HEADSTART/EARLY HEADSTART PROGRAM

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 for funds to support the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Early Childhood Services program for the children of the Flathead Indian Reservation; and

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 the Expansion grant. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-084

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING THE HEADSTART EXPANSION PROGRAM

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 for funds to support the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Early Childhood Services program for the children of the Flathead Indian Reservation; and

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.

Chairwoman Fyant discussed the request from Michelle Mitchell, Tribal Education Department, to apply for grant funding from the National Forest Foundation.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve by resolution the submission of the National Forest Foundation grant application. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 10 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-085

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION

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

WHEREAS, the National Forest Foundation has invited the Tribal Education Department to apply for funding to support six CSKT enrolled tribal high school students to participate in a summer Mission Mountains Youth Crew project; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are located within the National Forest Foundation service area; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department has prepared an application for funding under the above program to support the summer Mission Mountains Youth Crew project in an effort to support students on their career path;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that the National Forest Foundation 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.

Chairwoman Fyant discussed the April quarterly council meeting. **Martin Charlo** commented that we still need to have it, but suggesting having the meeting without an audience or limited participants. **Carole Lankford** suggested coming in to make a quorum, do the prayer, and then adjourn without an audience. We could hold another meeting in the future to include the membership. **Anita Matt** agreed with Carole's recommendation. **Jami Pluff** suggested trying the livestreaming. **Charmel Gillin** thought this is a good opportunity to have a very controlled livestreaming meeting where the public is not allowed to attend in person. We could receive the public's questions in advance of the meeting. We could provide a message from the chairwoman and provide updates to the membership. Shelly asked Jami to follow up on the costs of livestreaming. **Rob McDonald** advised that the cost of livestreaming was not prohibitive.

Rob McDonald, Communications, informed council that Bill Barron forwarded a message to him about the Lake County Commissioners wanting to connect with the tribal council. Lake County is shutting down all building access at this time. **Chairwoman Fyant** would like the council to have a phone conversation with Lake County about a declaration of a state of emergency.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Chairwoman Fyant announced that the strategic planning session was moved to this Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the council chambers.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to adjourn the meeting.

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Council **adjourned** at 12:15 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Secretary