

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

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Council Chambers, Pablo, MT

Held: March 6, 2018
Approved: March 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Trahan, Chairman; Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman; Troy Felsman, Secretary; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Shelly Fyant; Carole Lankford; Leonard TwoTeeth; Dennis Clairmont; Charmel Gillin; and James Steele, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager; Jami Pluff, Policy Analyst; Bill Kehoe, Sergeant at Arms; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:05 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by James Steele, Jr.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 19, 2018 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 20, 2018 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 9 for; 1 abstention (Dennis Clairmont).

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 22, 2018 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval. No conflicts of interest were identified.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Agnes Gun Hammer discussed an issue regarding youth running around and not attending school. Troy Felsman would like to have the Education Department Head reach out to the principal of St. Ignatius High School on truancy issues at the school. **James Steele, Jr.** informed her that Education is working on the Education Code which includes truancy. **Carole Lankford** suggested that Probation Office be contacted. **Julie Cajune**, Education Department, joined the discussion. Julie holds regular meetings. Schools say it's a violation to provide the name of students missing school. There was no consensus reached at the end of the meeting of what the schools wanted to do. There are various reasons why students do not want to attend school. **Anita Matt** thinks getting support from the superintendents is important. **Leonard Michel** commented that teachers bullying kids is one of the reasons children do not want to go to school. **Shelly Fyant** commented that schools do not want to lose the money that they generate from Indian student enrollment, i.e. Impact Aid, Johnson O'Malley funds, etc. We see increased enrollment at our tribal BIE school, after those public school "count" days as many students get pushed out. The TERS Board has had discussions on what it would take to get those dollars to follow students to the school they attend.

Clem Charles introduced herself and was observing the meeting. **Kyle Felsman**, Preservation Office, was asked to meet with her.

Alberta Bertsch, Enrollment, requested approval of a resolution to approve the enrollment of John Beck. A DNA avuncular test verified eligibility. **Charmel Gillin** requested more information, including the policies and orientation of enrollment.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution the enrollment of John Beck. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions (Charmel Gillin and Troy Felsman).

Charmel Gillin, for the record, "I need the information before taking action."

RESOLUTION 18-092

AUTHORIZING THE ENROLLMENT OF JOHN EDWARD BECK WITH DNA RESULTS DETERMINING NATURAL FATHER TO BE CARL FELSMAN (203-UO-5250)

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

WHEREAS, John Edward Beck is the natural son of Carl Felsman (203-UO-5250) and is 1/4 and was born 06/11/1954;

WHEREAS, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Original Constitution states if you were born to a member who was a resident of the reservation, and Resolution No. 17-131, amending the DNA testing policy to include avuncular testing (Aunt and Uncle) and half-sibling for the purpose of enrollment with the acceptable results for this test results return with a 90% or greater;

WHEREAS, Documentation from the Laboratory Corporation of America shows that John Edward Beck is 98.16% half sibling to Bonita Felsman Martinez, who is the natural daughter of Carl Felsman (203-UO-5250); **THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes authorizes the enrollment of John Edward Beck as the natural son of Carl Felsman (203-UO- 5250);

BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council that any descendants whose blood quantum be corrected and made eligible for enrollment shall not receive back tribal dividend payments.

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

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Tribal Gaming Commissioner vacancy. **Jan Gardipe**, Personnel Department, was present for interviews.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Les Trahan to the Tribal Gaming Commission. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Brian Upton, Legal Department; **Allan Mikkelson**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary; **Will Meeks**, Regional Director's Office; **Scott Akin**, Fish & Wildlife Service Native American Programs Coordinator; **Zack Gamble**, Department of Interior Denver Advisor; met with council for a consultation regarding the National Bison Range. The NBR is a priority for the department, Allen said. It is a priority of the DOI to move forward and trying to get to a yes. **James Steele, Jr.** provided the history of this issue. Allen told a story of how the Charles Allard family buffalo head ended up in the congressional office in Washington, DC. Will Meeks supports this and so does his boss, Noreen Walsh.

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The Comprehensive Conservation Plan is moving ahead. We need a CCP completed to identify how, what and why we manage the natural resources of the Bison Range and visitor program. There is an alternatives workshop this week. There is a court settlement on the CCP process. **Len TwoTeeth** commented that the Tribes' long-term goal is to get ownership back of the Bison Range, but we do know that involves a process to go through to accomplish that. **Shelly Fyant** commented that clothes, food, shelter, and tools came from buffalo, and food sovereignty is important. That issue would involve a separate herd, but to lay the foundation for this discussion, we as Native people have a traditional relationship with the buffalo. Signage at the current facility is an option to do. Shelly does not see any traditional heritage information at the NBR. Signage could be a starting point for us. Scott advised that we need a clear outline to accomplish this.

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

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors vacancy.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Vern Clairmont, John Whitworth, Wanda Salomon, and Zach Camel, Financial Management; **Matthew Bradbard** and **John Cummings**, RCM Alternative; discussed a proposal. RCM is a broker firm. Traditional portfolios have a 60/40 split and are performing at 10%. RCM Alternative's analysis is to do something different and diversify portfolios. **No action taken**.

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

Rhonda Swaney, John Harrison, Daniel J. Decker, and Ryan Rusche, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

It was the **consensus** of council to allow Peter Metcalf, University of Montana Forestry Student, authorization to interview the Bison staff on intergovernmental relations/cooperation for his dissertation.

Council discussed the interviews for the Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors.

MOTION by Len Two Teeth to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Robert Fouty to the Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Allen Sloan, Jami Pluff and **Gene Sorrell**, S&K Gaming LLC, met with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel/policy matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

James Steele, Jr. discussed a request by Sharon Haynes for a donation or assistance for the Arlee Boys Basketball Team honorary dinner that they are having for them. **Council** direction was to have them get a donation request form to provide a donation to the Arlee Parents/Booster Club, and also request to have a dinner kit from Property and Supply to provide for the dinner.

Charmel Gillin discussed the Rewards credit cards that Energy Keepers has. She suggested asking Energy Keepers to use rewards to provide for donations to groups and communities, such as the Arlee basketball team dinner. Those cards have a variety of awards associated with them. The Chairman stated he would have Vern Clairmont look into that. **Shelly Fyant** suggested honoring the basketball team at the April quarterly council meeting.

Leonard Gray wanted clarification on the salary of the Kicking Horse Job Corps Center Director position.

MOTION by Leonard Gray to authorize the Chairman to negotiate the salary of the Kicking Horse Job Corps Center Director within the established salary range. Seconded by James Steele, Jr. Carried, 7 for; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan); 1 not voting (Shelly Fyant out of the room).

Carole Lankford discussed the Marvin Camel building and she would like to have the name placed back on the building. **Chairman Trahan** took the matter under advisement to obtain further information.

MOTION by Anita Matt to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Council **adjourned** at 4:25 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary