

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

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Held: January 25, 2018
Approved: February 1, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman (Personal Time Off); and Shelly Fyant (Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians - Portland, Oregon).

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:08 a.m. Quorum established.

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

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for January 18, 2018 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Carole Lankford and **Dennis Clairmont** informed council that Gale Decker came in this morning to report that the Department of Revenue asked if the S&K Technologies property is in trust. Mary Stranahan had it in trust. So there was a snafu prior to us purchasing the property. Carole requested that Gale send a letter to the chairman about his concerns. In 1983 that parcel was taken off the tax rolls when Mrs. Krantz owned it. Mary Stranahan then purchased that property and sold it to the Tribes. This is not a Lake County issue; Gale was just giving us a heads up.

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

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Council reviewed a resolution appointing delegates to the Inter-Tribal Timber Council. Carole Lankford was appointed as the delegate and Len TwoTeeth and Leonard Gray were appointed as alternates.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution the appointment of delegates to the Inter-Tribal Timber Council. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Carole Lankford).

RESOLUTION 18-057

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Council reviewed a resolution appointing delegates to the National Indian Gaming Association. Troy Felsman was appointed as the delegate and Leonard TwoTeeth and James Steele, Jr. were appointed as alternates.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve by resolution the appointment of delegates to the National Indian Gaming Association. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Troy Felsman).

RESOLUTION 18-058

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribe designates Troy Felsman as Delegate and Leonard TwoTeeth and James Steele, Jr. as Alternates and instructs them to become an individual member in good standing in order to fulfill his responsibilities as official Delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association.

Council reviewed a resolution appointing delegates to the National Congress of American Indians. James Steele, Jr. was appointed as the delegate and Troy Felsman and Shelly Fyant were appointed as alternates.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution the appointment of delegates to the National Congress of American Indians. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (James Steele, Jr.).

RESOLUTION 18-059

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on membership of 7,412 persons, as verified by the records of the Flathead Agency the Tribe shall have 170 votes in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the NCAI Constitution; and

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

Council reviewed a resolution appointing delegates to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education. Charmel Gillin was appointed as the delegate and Shelly Fyant was appointed as alternate.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution the appointment of delegates to the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Charmel Gillin).

RESOLUTION 18-060

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO THE MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint Charmel Gillin as delegate and Shelly Fyant as alternate.

Council reviewed a resolution appointing all tribal council members as delegates to Indians Into Medicine.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the appointment of delegates to Indians Into Medicine. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-061

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO INDIANS INTO MEDICINE

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

WHEREAS, The Indians into Medicine Program was established in 1973 to assist American Indian students into becoming tomorrow's health providers in our tribal communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the membership of the INMED Advisory Board shall be composed of the representatives, elected or designated by the tribal councils of each of the reservations in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, and Wyoming; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribes appoint all Tribal Council Members as delegate.

Council reviewed a resolution appointing delegates to the Inter-Tribal Bison Council. Leonard Gray was appointed as the delegate and Len TwoTeeth was appointed as alternate.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution the appointment of delegates to the Inter-Tribal Bison Council. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-062

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTER-TRIBAL BISON COUNCIL

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Leonard Gray as the official delegate and Len TwoTeeth as the official alternate to represent and vote for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in the meetings of the ITBC.

Council reviewed a resolution appointing delegates to the Executive Council of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Ron Trahan was appointed as the delegate and Leonard Gray, Shelly Fyant and James Steele, Jr. were appointed as alternates.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve by resolution the appointment of delegates to the Executive Council of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 abstention (Ron Trahan).

RESOLUTION 18-063

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes that Ronald Trahan, Chairman, who is the principal official of

the Tribes, is authorized to take the necessary action to place the Tribes in membership in ATNI and based on the Tribal membership of 7,860 persons, as verified by the records of the Flathead Agency, the Tribes shall have the appropriate number of votes in accordance with Article II, Section A of the ATNI Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the ATNI Constitution, the Tribes designate Ron Trahan as Delegate and Leonard Gray, Shelly Fyant and James Steele, Jr. as Alternate Delegates to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

Carole Lankford informed council that Janet Camel had a list of what boards/committees that the tribal council serves on. **Council** directed Jami Pluff to publish the list in the Char-Koosta News along with a synopsis of what each organization does.

Jami Pluff, Policy Analyst, presented for approval a letter addressed to Senator Tester requesting the appointment of Anita Matt to the FSA Committee.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the letter addressed to Senator Tester requesting the appointment of Anita Matt to the FSA Committee. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 7 for; 1 abstention (Anita Matt).

Vern Clairmont and **Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 1 to the fiscal year 2018 Indirect Cost Pool Budget. There is a need to increase the budget for Information Technology.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve by resolution modification 1 to the fiscal year 2018 Indirect Cost Pool Budget. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-064

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 INDIRECT COST POOL BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the budget for Information Technology;
and

WHEREAS, the budget will be allocated as follows:

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Account	Program Description	Current Budget Authority	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget Authority
12-506-8007	Information Technology	1,050,000	81,000	1,131,000
	Total Increase/(Decrease)		81,000	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to modify the FY 2018 Indirect Cost Pool Budget as reflected above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total FY 2018 Indirect Cost Pool Budget is increased from \$10,136,513 to \$10,217,513.

Vern Clairmont and **Ruth Swaney**, Financial Management, requested approval of modification 10 to the fiscal year 2018 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Earmarked fiscal year 2017 funding for Dam Maintenance has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget; and the second half of funding for General Assistance needs to be allocated to the budget, pending award of final fiscal year 2018 funding.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution modification 10 to the fiscal year 2018 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Compact Budget. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-065

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 10 TO THE FY 2018 BIA SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, earmarked FY 2017 funding for Dam Maintenance has been awarded and needs to be allocated to the budget; and

WHEREAS, the second half of funding for General Assistance needs to be allocated to the budget, pending award of final FY 2018 funding; and

WHEREAS, the budget will be allocated as follows:

Account Number	Description	Current Budget Authority	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget Authority
13-502-4770	DHRD 477 Program	1,527,967.76	75,000	1,602,967.76
13-503-4511	Safety of Dams	9,218,372.30	84,500	9,302,872.30
	TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE)		159,500	

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to modify the FY 2018 BIA Self-Governance Compact Budget as reflected above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior year unexpended BIA funds shall be made available to provide for the expenditure of the FY 2018 BIA Self-Governance Compact Budget pending final Congressional appropriations and subsequent obligations of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2018 BIA Self-Governance Compact Budget is increased from \$22,876,553.21 to \$23,036,053.21.

Duane Plant, Tribal Forestry, requested approval of modification 1 to Contract No. FC26871718 with 3 MOR Enterprises to extend the cut and pay date to August 31, 2018, without penalty, and extend the expiration date to October 31, 2018 for the Dog Lake South Logging Unit. The extension is needed due to the extreme fire danger and equipment being dispatched to assist on reservation fires.

MOTION by Dennis Clairmont to approve by resolution modification 1 to Contract No. FC26871718 with 3 MOR Enterprises to extend the cut and pay date to August 31, 2018, without penalty, and extend the expiration date to October 31, 2018 for the Dog Lake South Logging Unit. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-066

RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION #1 DOG LAKE SOUTH LOGGING UNIT CONTRACT NO. FC26871718

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

WHEREAS, the Purchaser has requested an extension of the cut and pay date without penalty to August 31, 2018, and expiration date to October 31, 2018; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby approves Contract Modification #1 on the Dog Lake South Logging Unit.

Steve McDonald, Tribal Forestry, returned to council to follow up on his previous request for approval of a noncompetitive bid consultant contract with Jim Durglo in the amount of \$18,000 for a term until December 31, 2019. Jim is now on the Indian Preference list.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve the noncompetitive bid consultant agreement with Jim Durglo in the amount of \$18,000 for a term until December 31, 2019. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Mark Couture, Tribal Lands Department, requested approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of 1/5 interest in Allotment 3014-A from Shannon Burke at the appraised value. This is a carryover purchase from fiscal year 2017.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution the purchase of 1/5 interest in Allotment 3014-A from Shannon Burke at the appraised value. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Len TwoTeeth out of the room).

RESOLUTION 18-067

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FLATHEAD ALLOTMENT NO. 3014-A

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

WHEREAS, The Tribal Land Acquisition Program was approved by the Act of July 18, 1968 (PL 90-402); and

WHEREAS, Shannon R. Matt Burke has offered to sell her all right, title and interest in her undivided 1/5 interest in Flathead Allotment No. 3014-A, described as follows: Lot 5, Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 23 West, P.M.M., Sanders County, Montana, containing 59.70 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, subject property was appraised and Shannon R. Matt Burke has offered her Flathead Allotment at the appraisal price; and

WHEREAS, Shannon R. Matt Burke and The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have accepted the appraisal price; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has agreed to purchase the above mentioned Flathead Allotment; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribal Council or his delegated representative is authorized to execute the transactional documents necessary to complete the conveyance for real property situated in Sanders County, Montana.

Charmel Gillin discussed the handouts in the council packet. There is again different language contained in the land purchase resolution that was presented today. There was a discussion last week whether or not the resolution should state at the “negotiated” or “appraisal” price. The land committee discussed Legal’s recommendation of simplifying the language to “negotiated” price. The land committee concluded that the resolutions could state negotiated appraised price in resolutions. **Council** will follow up.

Dennis Clairmont gave an update on yesterday’s Upper Columbia Conservation meeting. The bylaws were approved. They will recommend to the governor to require a check station at Tibor and restrict boat launches to the main stations during the hours of operation. **Anita Matt** asked about the AIS committee. **Council** will follow up with Tom McDonald.

James Steele, Jr. informed council that last Friday at Tribal Health he asked the acting department head to provide a report about how many enrolled tribal members are employed at THD. James received that information yesterday. James also wanted to see on the organizational chart those different tribal members and such delineated on the chart.

James Steele, Jr. informed council that he is scheduled to go to NCAI in February and he wanted to know if he needs to visit any departments prior to going so the meetings can be set up while he is there.

Art Caye wanted to know the total number of employees at Tribal Health. **James Steele, Jr.** reported that there are a total of 184 positions filled on the organizational chart. Of that, 111 are CSKT tribal members; 11 CSKT descendants; 21 members or descendants of other tribes; and 41 nontribal members. 22 percent are nontribal members. Art recommended that council look at that information in all the departments to find out how many employees are tribal members. **Troy Felsman** commented that Mission Valley Power sets a good example by having 94% tribal member employment. **James Steele, Jr.** commented on how quickly MVP fixes power outages, compared to other companies. **Carole Lankford** reported that the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority has 99% tribal member employment. **Anita Matt** is happy that MVP has tribal members ready to take over the 3 nontribal member positions when those nontribal members retire.

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

Melanie Piedalue, Early Childhood Services, requested approval of a two-year contract in the amount of \$300,000 with Sunburst Mental Health Services to provide services. An RFP was advertised and Sunburst was the only response. There are no tribal member businesses on the Indian Preference list that

provide this service.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve a two-year contract in the amount of \$300,000 with Sunburst Mental Health Services to provide services to Early Childhood Services. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Anita Matt reported on a meeting she attended yesterday with the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority, Lands Department, Economic Development, and Safety of Dams regarding future plans for the Dixon Agency. There is a \$2 million road project scheduled for 2020. Once the right-of-way to the well is obtained it will be hooked up. Anita reviewed some grants that are available through Rural Development for plumbing needs. People might be able to apply for a HIP grant through Housing to get plumbing fixed. Anita wants to look at the homesite policies. There are issues with lessees. They want the ordinance changed to fall more in line with Housing's policies. Some regulatory language in the ordinance is outdated. They are also looking for funding to paint the houses and get playground equipment at the Dixon Agency Homesites. Anita requested approval to work with Legal and EDO on the ordinances. **Council** had no objection.

Len TwoTeeth brought up issues with the Big Arm sewer and he wants SKHA scheduled on the council agenda to provide council an explanation on what we are up against. **Chairman Trahan** will follow up.

Carole Lankford discussed the Mission Mountain Homeowners Association she belongs to. There are a total of 25 families that live there, 4 of which are tribal member families. Alvina Teigen owns trust property and was told that there is a big hole in the pipe and they can no longer deliver water to her. We need to protect the interest of that trust property; it is part of the homeowners association. It is not right for an entity to disconnect the water. **Charmel Gillin** reported that she was contacted by the landowner and her understanding is they had a major leak issue that was addressed, but she was unclear why her service line was disconnected. Alvina does not live out there right now because she has no water. Charmel suggested that we find an advocate to provide assistance and attend the meeting with Alvina and come up with a resolution. She would like someone from Lands to advocate for Alvina at that meeting. The meeting is on January 29, at the Community Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and Charmel would like someone from Lands to attend that meeting with Alvina and advocate on her behalf. **Chairman Trahan** will follow up with the Lands Department.

Rich Janssen and **Tom McDonald**, Natural Resources Department, provided an update on aquatic invasive species issues and requested approval to add Watercraft Inspector positions and an additional Game Warden position to the

organizational chart. Those positions will be hired to staff the Ravalli and Kalispell check stations contracted for operation from the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to add four new positions consisting of Watercraft Inspectors positions and an additional Game Warden position to the Natural Resources Department organizational chart. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Tom McDonald informed council that the department wants to job bundle the seasonal positions. To fill in those positions they may use the seasonal employees. NRD wants to update all the position descriptions to add boat inspection and Mack Days so job duties can be crossed. That makes terms of employment longer and hopefully obtains more interest from tribal members to apply. Tom would like marijuana to be dropped from the drug test. The Governor's Office will make an announcement today. The Upper Columbia Conservation Commission took action yesterday to recommend to the Fish, Wildlife & Parks to tighten up on the boating regulations for Tiber Reservoir. There is no methodology to remove mussels. The drawdowns help. Acute monitoring is all that can be done at this point. There is a meeting this afternoon regarding the possibility of moving the Ravalli station to St. Ignatius. **Len TwoTeeth** requested that consideration be given to having a check station at the junction in Elmo. **Tom McDonald** had identified that location in the plan, but there was not enough funding from the Bureau of Reclamation to have a check station at that location. The estimated cost to operate the Ravalli station is \$250,000 per season.

Dan Lipscomb, Shoreline Protection Office, requested approval of amendments to the Shoreline Protection Rules to address commercial operations off of private lake structures. A public comment period was held. A second public meeting was held, but nobody showed up at the meeting. The dock business at Big Arm will be grandfathered in.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the amendments to the Shoreline Protection Rules to address commercial operations off of private lake structures. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

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

Julie Cajune, Mandy Moran, Lucinda Michel, and Patricia Nomee-Songers, Tribal Education Department, provided orientation on the Education Department. **Leonard Michel** suggested sending a letter to the governor regarding Indian education. He also commented that home-schooled students should receive an incentive for graduation. Julie explained to Leonard that the home school has to be registered with Lake County and a copy of the

curriculum must be provided.

Carolyn Hall, Lake County Superintendent, informed council that home schooling is not monitored by the county because of state privacy laws.

Carolyn Hall, Lake County Superintendent of Schools; **Amy Sheets** and **Third Grade Class**, Dayton School; and **Daniel Stiffarm**, Kootenai Culture Committee; presented the mid-year school report. Daniel led the students in a song to the tribal council. The Big Arm School has a total of 71 students, compared to 50 last year. 14 percent of the student population is Native American. The school has 5 teachers and a nurse on staff. There is a 95 percent attendance rate for the Native American students. There is no transportation provided to the school. The Science proficiency rate for Native American students was 100%; smarter balance on English/Language was nearing proficiency; and Math was 100%. The students are tested through the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) in Reading and Math three times per year and the needs of students are adjusted based on the results. A cafeteria and gymnasium is needed at the school. The school could build those facilities if the land was owned by the school. A bond cannot be passed on land that they do not own. Carolyn wanted to know the status of the proposed land trade with the Tribes. Big Arm owns Block 6 but the school was built on Block 9. That was not noticed until they wanted to expand the building. **Mark Couture**, Lands Department, joined the discussion. This issue was discussed at the land committee about a possible land exchange. Mark will find out the status of this. **Council** wants the process to move forward.

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

Julie Cajune, Tribal Education Department, informed council that the Every Student Succeed Act and Indian Education Formula Grant in excess of \$40,000 require consultation with the Tribes. **Mark Thane**, Superintendent of Missoula County Public Schools, reported on the status of American Indian students in the Missoula County Public Schools. There are 9,200 students in the school district. **Glenda Weasel**, **Melissa Hammett**, **Jake Arrowtop**, **Stacy Thacker**, **Matt Bell**, and **Ray Kingfisher**, Indian Education Office, gave an overview of what services they provide to Native American students in the school district. **Lisa Koon**, Parent Advisory Committee, commended the Indian Education staff on the work they do for students. Missoula County will continue working with the Tribal Education Department and hold a series of meetings. Council was invited to a pow wow on March 17 at Sentinel High School.

Arlene Templer, **Corky Sias**, **Carrie Antoine**, **Glenda Pierre**, **Leandria Ducharme**, and **Terry Gardipe**, Department of Human Resources Development, provided orientation on the Transportation program.

Carole Lankford left the meeting for the remainder of the day.

Arlene Templer, Corky Sias, Carrie Antoine, Glenda Pierre, Leandria Ducharme, and **Terry Gardipe,** Department of Human Resources Development, provided orientation on the Quicksilver program. The department is finalizing an employee handbook and policy. 64 clients have gone through the training program and worked at Quicksilver during the past year.

Arlene Templer, Department of Human Resources Development, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a departmental matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Martin Charlo, Kevin Thomas and **Arlene Bigby,** Kicking Horse Job Corps Center, gave an update on KHJCC issues. The accountability issues were addressed. Since the center provides essential services and 24/7 coverage, Martin requested approval of a letter to exclude the KHJCC staff from the tribal RAVE Alert system. A revised organizational chart to improve the structure of duties for the staff will be presented for consideration next week. The necessary training opportunities will be available for the staff. The student government is reviewing their constitution for ideas for improvement and elections will be held. The vouchers for July through October were reviewed by the Department of Labor and \$1.1 million will be resubmitted. \$100,000 might not be allowable costs, but Kevin is working on ways to get those reimbursed. \$195,000 in unallowable costs was for salaries. The Legal Department drafted an affidavit and the staff will sign the affidavit verifying their timesheets, so hopefully that \$195,000 for salaries will be reimbursed. There are currently 42 students at KHJCC.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to sign the letter excluding the KHJCC staff from the RAVE Alert system. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (7 present).

Council **adjourned** at 3:34 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary