

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

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Held: March 27, 2018
Approved: April 3, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Trahan, Chairman.

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

The meeting was called to **order** at 9:01 a.m. Quorum established.

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

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

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval. No conflicts of interest were identified. Additions were made to the agenda.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Dennis Clairmont. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Judy Gobert invited council to the meeting about the Fourth Indigenous PAX event. She wrote a five-year grant. That program went forward for the first three years only, and good results were received. The Mindfulness program is a good solution to suicide prevention, helps kids in school, and prevents mental health illnesses. Judy has a binder of information and she would like to meet with council at a later date to discuss in further detail. This was implemented at the Boys and Girls Club. The meeting will be held in the Evelyn Stevenson Education Building at Salish Kootenai College on March 28. The program was ended with SAMHSA but there are other funding options. It should be

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implemented in every tribal school in Montana. Montana Healthcare Network has funding too, so that is another funding opportunity. **Helen Camel** commented on this topic and asked questions.

Louis (Shorty) Matt, Jerome Matt, Sharon Matt, and **Shawn Matt** have been trying to get their turnout date changed to May 15 for a long time. They keep losing members because of the turnout. It is a problem every year. **Mark Couture**, Tribal Lands Department, reported that this is in the Ferry Basin Management Area. A wildlife assessment needs to be done every year to see if the vegetation is there for them to turn out. They are in the Perma area. They are trying to protect Racehorse and Wilcox Gulch. **Carolee Wenderoth**, Tribal Lands Department, commented that when it comes to these units no association is treated different than the others. The management plans are described in the contracts. Lands must contact the other disciplines when they receive requests. Many factors impact the vegetation. Carolee is waiting for a written response from the Wildlife program. The wildlife assessment needs to be done and NRD will provide their information to the Lands Department by April 19. Modifying the contracts to have an early turnout date must be approved by the tribal council. Carolee would like to have all the information prior to presenting the request to the council. **Troy Felsman** would like the time frame expedited. Carolee can ask the department to expedite the assessment. The association wanted to move to a different location at the Ravalli Hill site. They needed to submit a bid packet to Lands, but the department never received the request/information. That area was reserved as an elk reserve and is a sensitive area. **Council** suggested that the conversation continue with the necessary staff from Lands and NRD. **Stephanie Gillin**, Natural Resources Department, will ask the staff member assigned to do the assessment to have a quicker turnaround time.

Helen Camel requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personal matter.

Norma Burland requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personal matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Katie Miller, Salish Kootenai Housing Authority, requested approval of a resolution to apply for the Indian Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Tribes that includes Citizenship Participation. The funding will be used to provide assistance and services to eligible families and individuals.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution submission

of the Indian Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Tribes that includes Citizenship Participation. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-099

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALISH AND KOOTENAI HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A FISCAL YEAR 2018 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBES

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is the duly recognized governing body of the Flathead Nation with the responsibility to ensure safe, decent, and affordable housing for the tribal members within the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have designated the Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority as its Tribally-Designated Housing Entity, with the authority to administer and participate in housing programs for the benefit of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and its members, pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101); and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes desire to have an application for a fiscal year 2018 Indian Community Development Block Grant prepared and submitted on behalf of the Tribes in support of housing rehabilitation and homeownership assistance activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby delegates the Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority the authority to prepare and submit on behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes an Indian Community Development Block Grant application for fiscal year 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby delegates the Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority the authority to administer and manage said Indian Community Development Block Grant for fiscal year 2018.

Niki Graham and **Eleanor Vizcarra**, Women 4 Wellness, provided information on the Women 4 Wellness Health Fair that will take place on May 24, 2018. Over 3,500 screens are provided and paid for. The SKC Nursing Program helps train that day. The Kicking Horse Job Corps Center Medical Assistant

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Students also train that day. Local physicians provide services and examinations at no cost. 179 mental health assessments were provided last year and counseling was provided. All screenings and services are provided at no cost to the participants. They also raise money to provide additional services to participants. They provide follow-up services such as insurance, as well, especially where there are diagnostic findings. They also provide over 300 screenings for breast cancer. They requested verification that the Tribes make an annual contribution in the amount of \$3,000 (Silver level sponsorship). **Council** confirmed the annual donation. They requested a change of duty for the tribal employees to attend the health fair. It would take at least 4 hours for participants to get through the health fair.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve a change of duty for up to 4 hours, with supervisor approval, for tribal employees to participate in the Women 4 Wellness Health Fair on May 24, 2018. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Niki Graham requested that a tribal council member provide the welcoming remarks at the Women 4 Wellness Health Fair on May 24, at 10:00 a.m. **Charmel Gillin** agreed to provide the opening remarks and prayer.

Charmel Gillin requested that there be an exhibitor table reserved for the Warrior Movement. **Carole Lankford** wanted to know if One Heart, the Reentry Program, or the Drug Court had any involvement in the health fair, since mental health issues are covered.

Teresa Wall-McDonald, Tribal Health Department; and **Laura Bermel**, Kalispell Regional Healthcare, requested recommendations on the selection of a tribal representative to serve on the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Patient Family Advisory Council. The group meets on a monthly basis, and participation can be by conference call or WebEx. Teresa recommended appointing Kathy Ross to serve in that capacity. **Carole Lankford** would like to serve in that capacity. Carole had concerns about the Native American display in the lobby of the Kalispell Regional Hospital. She would like Mike Durglo or someone to give Kalispell Regional some advice and maybe have something from the Kootenai people.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to appoint Carole Lankford as the delegate and Kathy Ross as the alternate to serve on the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Patient Family Advisory Council. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Teresa Wall-McDonald, Tribal Health Department, requested acceptance of the low bid from Free Motion in the amount of \$55,559.45 to purchase equipment for the Ronan Fitness Center.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to accept the low bid from Free Motion in the amount of \$55,559.45 to purchase equipment for the Ronan Fitness Center. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Ann Miller, Tribal Defenders Office, requested approval of employment contracts with George Madman, Beverly Swaney, Susette Billedeaux, and Crystal Matt. The program was approved for a no-cost extension of the federal grant that funds the Flathead Reservation Reentry Program. With additional tribal funding, the program is able to continue contracts with these employees for an additional six months while the Defenders Office seeks more funding.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve by resolution an employment contract with George Madman for an additional six months. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-100

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH GEORGE MADMAN

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 employment contract with George Madman to provide criminal advocacy services through the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all contracting parties that George Madman 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 1, 2018, George Madman shall provide criminal advocacy services 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 September 30, 2018.

MOTION by James Steele, Jr. to approve by resolution an employment contract with Beverly Swaney for an additional six months. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-101

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH BEVERLY SWANEY

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 a contract with Beverly Swaney to provide case manager services for the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court of the Montana State Court of the local counties.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all contracting parties that Beverly Swaney 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 1, 2018, Beverly Swaney shall provide case manager services for 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 September 30, 2018.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve by resolution an employment contract with Susette Billedeaux for an additional six months. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 18-102

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH SUSETTE BILLEDEAUX

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 a contract with Susette Billedeaux to act as Program Director of the Flathead Reservation Reentry Program within the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court of the Montana State Court of the local counties.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all contracting parties that Susette Billedeaux 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 October 1, 2017, Susette Billedeaux shall act as Program Director of the Flathead Reservation Reentry Program within 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 March 31, 2018.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve by resolution an employment contract with Crystal Matt for an additional six months. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Carole Lankford out of the room).

RESOLUTION 18-103

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH CRYSTAL MATT

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 a contract with Crystal Matt to provide case manager services for the Tribal Defenders Office to Indians under the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court of the Montana State Court of the local counties.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all contracting parties that Crystal Matt 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 1, 2018, Crystal Matt shall provide case manager services for 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 September 30, 2018.

Daniel J. Decker and **Rhonda Swaney**, Legal Department; **Seth Makepeace** and **Craig Barfoot**, Natural Resources Department; requested to meet with council in **executive session**. **Ryan Rusche** and **Shane Morigeau**, Legal Department, were present for discussion.

Ryan Rusche and **Rhonda Swaney**, Legal Department, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss legal matters. **Shane Morigeau**, Legal Department, was present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Tom McDonald, Stephanie Gillin, Germaine White, and Pablo “Chib” Espinoza, Natural Resources Department; gave an update on the 2017-2018 bison hunt. CSKT is the only tribe participating in the Transfer Program this year. The CSKT received 55 bison and the remaining animals go the membership, with the unsuccessful hunters getting first preference. The quarantine program is trying to capture 100 bison. 10 bison hunt classes were held. A web-based course is also offered. 723 bison hunt permits were issued. 47 bison were harvested. No citations were issued to tribal members during the hunting season.

Gabe Johnson, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of the CSKT 2018-2022 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program and the TTP Self-Certification Statement. **Shelly Fyant** discussed the bridge located on the northeast side of Twin Lakes. Due to fire dangers, she would like the bridge opened again. Gabe will follow up with Dan Lozar to find out whose road it is and report back to council.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the CSKT 2018-2022 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program and the TTP Self-Certification Statement. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Gabe Johnson, Natural Resources Department, requested authorization to proceed with the reservation entrance and exit signs project. The cost of the signs is \$35,000. The program is proposing to post a wooden sign at Dog Lake on Highway 28, and an aluminum sign on Montana 200.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the reservation entrance and exit signs project, with the stated changes. Seconded by Troy Felsman. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department, reported that Executive Task Order 3 was approved and the bids closed this week. A structure is being constructed on Mission B Canal. Seth requested approval of Executive Task Order 5 to authorize \$200,000 to complete reservoir capacity tables.

MOTION by Troy Felsman to approve Executive Task Order 5 to authorize \$200,000 to complete reservoir capacity tables. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department, requested approval of Executive Task Order 4 for \$48,000 to install AgriMet weather stations.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve Executive Task Order 4 for \$48,000 to install AgriMet weather stations. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department, reported that the water management program will assume the fisheries responsible to maintain the water temperature gage at Flathead River in Perma. He requested the chairman's signature of the joint funding agreement with U.S. Geological Survey.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve the joint funding agreement with U.S. Geological Survey. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Rich Janssen, Willie Keenan, Frank Acevedo, Randy Ashley, Marlene McDanal, Chauncey Means, Evan Smith, Jasmine Brown, Ryan Evans, Tom McClure, Paula Webster, Natural Resources Department, provided orientation on the Natural Resources Department. The department has 168 employees.

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

Erica Shelby and **Patrick Yawakie**, Salish Kootenai College Tribal Governance & Administration Program, discussed their student internships for SKC and objectives. **Council** will discuss the proposal in further detail after the next chairman's meeting. Council was invited to the Get out the Vote event in Polson and invited to participate in the walk for indigenous women.

Council met in **executive session**.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present – Shelly Fyant out of the room).

Council **adjourned** at 4:05 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

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Troy Felsman
Tribal Secretary