

**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: February 25, 2020
Approved: March 3, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellie Bundy McLeod, Secretary (Domestic Violence Grant Training - Portland, Oregon).

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 9:00 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Charmel Gillin.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for February 18, 2020 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2020, with corrections. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

The **agenda** was presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Chairwoman Fyant presented a request from Michelle Mitchell for Linda Ferris, Indian Education Committee Chair, to be granted a change of duty to attend an advocacy meeting today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve a change of duty, with supervisor approval, for Linda Ferris to attend an advocacy meeting today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Susun Fisher, Salish Kootenai College Student Senate Committee, invited the tribal council and their families to the Round Dance on February 29th. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the Round Dance is from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., at the SKC Gymnasium.

Francis Pierre requested the status of his application to be a caregiver for his mother. The discussion continued in **executive session**. **Clayton Matt**, Tribal Services; and **Patricia Courchane**, Department of Human Resources Development; were present for discussion.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

Dr. Lindell Braud, Jay Brewer and **Juanita**, Glacier Hope Homes, informed council that the Glacier Hope Homes is a trauma-based facility in Columbia Falls. Juanita graduated from the program and is now a full-time student at Salish Kootenai College. The program addresses trauma, chemical dependency, and mental health issues. About ten Native Americans have gone through the program. They would like to get a sweat lodge at the facility.

Renee Joachim, Personnel Department, requested approval of a three-year contract with St. Luke Community Health Care to conduct drug and alcohol testing for a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00 per year. The testing fees have increased. The contract would be subject to any price increases. **No action taken**. Council took the request under advisement until Thursday to allow time to review the contract.

Melinda Charlo, Indian Preference Office; and **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department; requested approval of a project specific agreement for installation of a center lane rumble strip for the Kalispell area, which includes portions of the reservation. The project will be let on August 13, 2020 and construction is likely to occur in 2021.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve the project specific agreement. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Melinda Charlo, Indian Preference Office; and **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department; requested approval of a project specific agreement for a center lane rumble strip in the Missoula area, which includes parts of the reservation. The letting date is August 13, 2020 with construction likely to occur in 2021.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the project specific agreement. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Mike Durglo, Preservation Department, requested approval to apply for a Bureau of Indian Affairs Resilience grant for Climate Change. Public meetings will be held in the communities. **Anita Matt** would like Dixon included in the meeting schedule, even if it is part of her district meeting. The application was reviewed by Contracts & Grants.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve submission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Resilience grant for Climate Change. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Launa Benson and **Roberta Steele**, Mission Valley Animal Shelter, provided information on the animal shelter and an annual commitment of funds. Since 1989 been in business and is only funded by donors. 387 dogs per year and 11 kennels. 5 FTE staff at center and 4 at thrift store. Rely heavily on volunteers. They are looking for funding to keep the shelter open. They have a spay and neuter program and have issued about 80 certificates per month for people to pay a low fee to get their animal fixed. Spent over 90K on certs last year for community to get their animals fixed. This went to the Donation Committee and a \$2,500.00 donation was approved for this year. It will go to the Budget Committee on March 9 for an annual consideration. **Carole Lankford** told them about an experience she had with the shelter. Carole had taken some dogs to the shelter and it was found out that they were Indian community dogs. She hopes it does not become an Indian dog issue and hopes that the Indian community members do not have a bad experience. The Bread Basket gives out dog and cat food for people that cannot afford to feed their animals. Lana advised that the shelter gives out dog and cat food too. **Francine Antoine** asked what happened to the neuter clinic and who is funding that program. Her daughter has six cats. **Martin Charlo** told her that there will be six clinics during the summer. A request for space will be coming into council on Thursday. They offer vouchers. Lana explained that the Mission Valley Animal Shelter does not work in conjunction with the spay and neuter clinics because they work with the local veterinarians so any follow-up can be provided.

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

Council **recessed** the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. to conduct an S&K Electronics shareholder meeting.

Council **reconvened** into the regular meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Rhonda Swaney and **Mary Price**, Legal Department, discussed the Smurfit Stone site. Missoula has filed an exempt application for boundary line relocation. The Smurfit Stone site is under remedial investigation. Mary requested approval of a letter addressed to the Missoula County Board of

Commissioners requesting a public hearing to take public comments on the exempt application.

MOTION by Martin Charlo to approve the letter to the Missoula Board of County Commissioners to request a hearing. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

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

Rhonda Swaney and **Dan Decker**, Legal Department; and **John Neiss**, Facilities Maintenance; requested to meet with council in **executive session** to provide a legal update.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to authorize the move of the white house in Ronan to Pablo and bid out following the procurement policy. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

MOTION by Anita Matt to let MDT demolish the smaller modular. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

MOTION by Carole Lankford to adjourn the meeting.

Council **adjourned** at 12:17 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Secretary