

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

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Council Conference Room, Pablo, MT

Held: March 26, 2020
Approved: April 7, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rhonda Swaney and Ryan Rusche, Legal Department (Zoom); Rob McDonald, Communications; and Abby Dupuis, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to **order** at 3:28 p.m. Quorum established.

Council discussed the proposed resolution approving a delegation of shared authority. Chairwoman Fyant discussed the meeting earlier where part of the Incident Command Team Members were not in attendance. She raised concerns about approving a delegation of shared authority. The communication, both internally and externally, need to improve. Bob McCrea told her that he had no notice of the meeting and that he does not email (only texts). Martin Charlo offered to facilitate that side of things. The COVID-19 is a much larger and different issue than fires. Charmel Gillin mentioned her concerns about there being sufficient public health representation on the incident command team. This is unchartered territory and the tribal government needs to do whatever it takes to protect the membership. Shelly would like to proceed with approving a shelter in place order. Fred Matt agreed that a shelter in place is necessary, but he was not sure it should be mandatory.

Rhonda Swaney joined the discussion (by Zoom).

Ryan Rusche talked about other reservations having monitoring check stations and closure orders. There would be no problem for CSKT to do that. Law enforcement issues citations for violations, and it would be up to the tribal council how law enforcement would enforce it on the reservation.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve the resolution authorizing a delegation of shared authority. Seconded by Martin Charlo. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

RESOLUTION 20-089

A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM DEDICATED TO THE RESPONSE OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CSKT:

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, as primary governing body of the Flathead Nation, is entrusted with the responsibility to operate the Tribes' governmental business and protect and preserve Tribal property, wildlife and natural resources, and to protect the health, security and general welfare of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, protection and preservation of property, wildlife, natural resources, health, security, and general welfare of the Tribes is among the highest priorities of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, CSKT responding to an imminent threat to the citizens of the Flathead Reservation due to the global outbreak of COVID-19, the coronavirus, desires to establish a Joint Incident Command Team in conjunction with Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the CSKT wish to establish this Joint Incident Command Team by the implementation of the attached Joint Delegation of Authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CSKT Tribal Council declares a public health emergency and disaster and approves the attached Joint Delegation of Authority with Lake County to the Joint Coronavirus Incident Command Team;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that the Tribal Chairwoman is authorized to execute the adopted delegation of authority;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Council Chairwoman to apply for and accept any international, federal, state and local funding available to assist in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic National and Tribal Emergency Health Disaster, including entering into a required memorandum of agreement or other agreement with FEMA pursuant to the Stafford Act; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes \$140,000 from its General Fund for expenditure under the Joint Delegation of Authority to be

utilized by the Joint Coronavirus Incident Command Team for expenditures not covered by other funding sources.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council requests FEMA to waive the 25% match requirement for Tribal Governments under the Stafford Act.

Council discussed the possibility of ordering a shelter in place. They have a template from the shelter in place for California, and requested that the Legal Department edit it to fit CSKT. It is very important for people to practice social distancing, so hopefully this order would get people's attention to take it seriously. Bill Barron had told Len that Lake County was waiting for the governor's press conference this afternoon to decide how to proceed.

Mike Dolson joined the discussion (by Zoom).

Chairwoman Fyant received an email that the Montana Hospital Association recommended that the governor implement a statewide shelter in place order.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to give preliminary approval of the document for a shelter in place order and grant authority to the chairwoman to sign the document. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Martin Charlo requested approval of a contract with Rodney K. Goss to serve as Safety Officer of the Instant Command Team for 90 days. A contract is required.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to approve a 90-day contract with Rodney K. Goss to serve as the Instant Command Team Safety Officer. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Martin Charlo requested approval of a contract with Jim Steele to serve as the Planning Section Chief of the Incident Command Team for 90 days. A contract is required.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve a 90-day contract with Jim Steele to serve as the Planning Section Chief of the Incident Command Team. Seconded by Bing Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Len TwoTeeth followed up on Rod Couture's request for a base camp for the Incident Command Team. They wanted to use the Joe McDonald facility. That facility is centralized and is a Red Cross approved center. When it was brought up, Audrey Plouffe denied the request because the ICT is not practicing social distancing.

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It was the **consensus** of council to direct the chairwoman to meet with the SKC Board and President about using the facility for a base camp so it can be operating by tomorrow.

Martin Charlo informed council that he was notified that some departments are low on hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Head Start has an abundance. He would like Head Start to allow the usage of those for the departments in need, and then have Property & Supply replenish it as the inventory is available. Council agreed that is a logistics issue and Martin will follow up with Rod Couture.

MOTION by Len TwoTeeth to use the SKC Joe McDonald facility for the purpose of an ICS Team using it for the situation. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

MOTION by Martin Charlo to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, unanimous (10 present).

Council **adjourned** at 4:19 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Ellie Bundy McLeod
Tribal Secretary