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to participate. **Chairman Trahan** asked Shelly to provide the information to Vern.

MOTION by Terry Pitts to go along with the recommendations. Seconded by Leonard TwoTeeth. Carried, 7 for; 1 abstention (Carole Lankford).

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, requested approval to spend donation funds of \$1,750 to purchase medals for the Flathead Nation Veterans.

MOTION by Lloyd Irvine to approve the expenditure of donation funds of \$1,750 to purchase medals for the Flathead Nation Veterans. Seconded by Leonard TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

Anita Matt, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Gail Luceau for the Tribes to show disinterest in purchasing her 5.37 acres of land and improvements located near Spring Creek Road so she can apply for a gift deed in fee. The property has been rented out for a number of years and she would like to sell it on the open market.

MOTION by Vernon Finley to show disinterest in purchasing Gail Luceau's 5.37 acres of land and improvements located near Spring Creek Road. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 5 for; 2 opposed (Lloyd Irvine and Ron Trahan); 1 abstention (Terry Pitts).

Anita Matt, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Pablo "Chib" Espinoza Jr. for the Tribes to show disinterest in purchasing his 5.02 acre allotment (# 1452-C) and improvements located in Arlee so he can apply for a gift deed in fee to convey the tract to his daughter.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to show disinterest in purchasing Pablo "Chib" Espinoza Jr.'s 5.02 acre allotment (# 1452-C) and improvements located in Arlee. Seconded by Vernon Finley. Carried, 4 for (Shelly Fyant, Vernon Finley, Leonard TwoTeeth, and Carole Lankford); 3 opposed (Lloyd Irvine, Ron Trahan and Leonard Gray); 1 abstention (Terry Pitts).

Carolee Wenderoth, Doug Dupuis, Darcy Malatare, and Willie Birthmark, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request to remove an 80-acre tract from Diana Smith's Lease (# 1502).

MOTION by Terry Pitts to approve the request to remove an 80-acre tract from Diana Smith's Lease (# 1502) and look at a different avenue of income on it. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 6 for; 2 abstentions (Carole Lankford and Vernon Finley).

Carolee Wenderoth, Doug Dupuis, Darcy Malatare, and Willie Birthmark, Tribal Lands Department, presented a request from Diana Smith to remove 240 acres from Lease 3256 and add to Lease 3252. Karen Chef is in agreement to doing this. The rental would be adjusted and there would be no loss of income to either lessee. There would be a shift of AUMs.

MOTION by Leonard TwoTeeth to go along with recommendations of the Lands Department to remove 240 acres from Lease 3256 and add to Lease 3252. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 4 for (Leonard TwoTeeth, Shelly Fyant, Ron Trahan, and Carole Lankford); 2 opposed (Leonard Gray and Vernon Finley); 2 abstentions (Terry Pitts and Lloyd Irvine).

Terry Pitts, for the record, "I respect your recommendations but I found the map and your explanations somewhat confusing."

Council discussed the proposal from Mercury.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve the Mercury contract at an additional \$1.2 million of funds they are asking for. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 4 for (Shelly Fyant, Leonard Gray, Carole Lankford, and Ron Trahan); 2 opposed (Leonard TwoTeeth and Vernon Finley); 2 abstentions (Lloyd Irvine and Terry Pitts).

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Terry Pitts, for the record, "I feel we were somewhat misled at the beginning, but I agree there's a definite need for this type of service and we can't match it. The alternative of this compact not passing will be far-reaching. To support the Tribe, I didn't oppose."

Vernon Finley, for the record, "I opposed this because I think that I am not satisfied that the accounting of what it was exactly spent on wasn't ever presented and what it would be spent on. I want to see exactly where it's going."

Leonard TwoTeeth, for the record, "The reason I opposed is there were red flags that popped up when a company that specializes in this type of work came up with a 50% shortfall of what our expectations were. That was very concerning to me, especially when we throw that kind of money out to a company owned by Denny Rehberg. I just couldn't support that kind of money to that company."

***** Lunch *****

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department; and Daniel Decker, Legal Department; requested approval to enter into a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to measure flow streams and maintain the CSKT-USGS Cooperator Program.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to measure flow streams and maintain the CSK-T-USGS Cooperator Program. Seconded by Leonard Gray. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Vernon Finley out of the room).

RESOLUTION 15-38

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO MEASURE STREAM FLOWS AND MAINTAIN THE CSKT - USGS COOPERATOR PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the CSKT Water Management Program requests to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement for FY 2015 with the U.S. Geological Survey to measure streamflows and maintain the CSKT-USGS cooperator program; and

WHEREAS, the cooperator program has brought benefit to the CSKT Water Management Program through professional development, streamflow measurement, and data quality review.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council desires to enter into a joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$43,500 for FY 2015 and authorizes the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or his delegated representative the authority to execute the documents necessary to enter into this agreement.

Seth Makepeace, Natural Resources Department; and Daniel Decker, Legal Department; requested approval to enter into a noncompetitive agreement with the Battelle Memorial Institute to update the biological assessment for operation and maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project. The Bureau of Indian Affairs will fund this.

MOTION by Carole Lankford to approve by resolution a noncompetitive agreement with the Battelle Memorial Institute to update the biological assessment for operation and maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 7 for; 0 opposed; 1 not voting (Vernon Finley out of the room).

RESOLUTION 15-39

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT TO CONDUCT AN AMENDED BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT (FIIP)