

**Mary Price** and **Rhonda Swaney**, Legal Department, requested approval of a letter addressed to Karen Nelson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, providing the Tribes' comments regarding the Draft State Wetlands/Riparian Areas Plan to restore 400 acres of wetlands.

**MOTION** by James Steele, Jr. to approve the letter addressed to Karen Nelson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, providing the Tribes' comments regarding the Draft State Wetlands/Riparian Areas Plan to restore 400 acres of wetlands. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

**Shane Morigeau** and **Rhonda Swaney**, Legal Department, announced the VAWA training and trip to the Umatilla Tribe scheduled for August 13 and 14. They will be observing the Umatilla Tribal Court and meet with court/legal staff. On August 15 and 16 there is a Domestic Violence and VAWA in-house training at the SKT boardroom.

**Ryan Rusche** and **Rhonda Swaney**, Legal Department, requested approval of a consulting contract with Mercury Public Affairs, LLC. **Len TwoTeeth** requested a list of what Mercury has done for the CSKT. Ryan receives a regular report from Mercury; he will provide a summary to council.

**MOTION** by Dennis Clairmont to approve by resolution a consulting contract with Mercury Public Affairs, LLC. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

#### **RESOLUTION 18-166**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH MERCURY PUBLIC AFFAIRS, LLC**

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

**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;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, the Mercury Public Affairs, LLC, has proposed to provide strategy and management services and consulting, public affairs administration;

**WHEREAS**, the Mercury has agreed to provide such services according to the terms and conditions of the Consultant Contract for the period of March 1 2017, through September 30, 2019;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council approves said Contract authorizes its execution by the Chairman and the Tribal Secretary.

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

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**Anita Matt** asked if action or consensus is required for her to have Legal staff help her with the Dixon meetings and discussion on homesite regulations.

**Anita Matt** gave a report on her trip to the Rocky Mountain Inter-Tribal Ag Council in Wyoming. The Farm Bill was discussed and there are concerns about how it was written. People will be required to have a job to be eligible for the SNAP program and other nutritional programs. There is very little employment opportunity on most reservations. The Arapahoe Tribe has 44,000 acres of tribal land with a 3,700-head cattle operation. They also have a youth camp at the ranch. **Shelly Fyant** reported that there is a Native Farm Bill Coalition webinar set for tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. She will forward the information to council.

**MOTION** by Dennis Clairmont to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Len TwoTeeth. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Council **adjourned** at 2:45 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, August 9, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

### **CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES**

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Shelly R. Fyant  
Tribal Secretary