

**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: August 7, 2018
Approved: August 14, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arlee District (Vacant).

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 9:04 a.m. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Len TwoTeeth.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for July 26, 2018 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Anita Matt to approve the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2018, with corrections. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 7 for; 2 abstentions (Ron Trahan and James Steele, Jr.).

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

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

Arthur Wayne McNair has the paperwork from his doctor and has a recreation permit number for his son. He wants his nonmember son to assist him since he is disabled. **Stephanie Gillin**, Natural Resources Department, reported that Tom McDonald has the paperwork and the request needs council approval. There is a paper for the Game Wardens to let them know the specific areas and times. His son can only assist with retrieval.

MOTION by Shelly Fyant to approve the request from Art McNair to have his son help him with the retrieval process for hunting this fall. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Art Soukkala and **Stephanie Gillin**, Natural Resources Department, conducted the Ferry Basin Little Money draw. The quotas are 6 Little Money rams; 0 ewes; 30 bull elk Ferry Basin permits; and no quota on Ferry Basin cows. There were 526 applications submitted this year. The names drawn for Little Money Ram permits: Stevens A. Matt, Francis S. Durgeloh, Lawrence Mays, Bruce V. Maestas, Frank L. Pierre, and George E. Garica, Sr. The names drawn for Ferry Basin Bull permits: Daniel A. Tromp, Britton T. Salois, Lori I. Dumont, Louie Caye, Jr., Evelyn M. Charlo, Vernon S. Finley, Loretta (Gigi) J. Caye, Josh C. Roberts, Curtis F. Acevedo, Jacob C. Durglo, Bryce S. Finley, Rhea A. Paul, Wain A. Lefthand, Tiana J. Antoine, Russell G. Burland, Douglas C. DuMont, Niki M. Graham, Patrick A. Haggard, Brian M. Askan, Thomas E. McClure, JaBleau A. Arlee, Scott A. Barber, Mary C. Parker-Pierre, Robert J. Bell, Francine R. Dupuis, Simone A. Joseph, Tashina L. Malatare, Jason O. Tromp, Gabrielle M. Alexander, and Francis J. Pierre, Jr.

C.T. Camel, Division of Fire, gave an update on the Garden Creek Fire, located 2 miles north of the town of Hot Springs. The fire is 524 acres and 5% contained. The objective for today will be a burnout operation on the south perimeter. This burnout will help secure the control lines on the south perimeter. Hand crews will support the burnout operation. Helicopters and equipment will continue to drop water and aid with hot spots. Local agencies are going to Stage II restrictions at midnight on Friday. The CSKT is currently under no restrictions.

Alyssa Kelly, Tribal Member, requested to meet with council in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Council met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Arlee District Tribal Council vacancy.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

MOTION by Anita Matt to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Myrna DuMontier to serve on the Tribal Council for the Arlee District for the term ending December 31, 2019. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

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Carole Lankford discussed the VAWA consultation in Sioux Falls, South Dakota that is scheduled for August 21-22. If no other council member is available to participate in the consultation, she will go. The VAWA training is scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday in Polson, and Shelly Fyant would like to attend. She suggested that all council members attend the training. Judge Blaiser will be at that training. **Council** will discuss their schedules later today.

Vern Clairmont, Financial Management, met with council in **executive session** to discuss departmental issues.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

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

Leanne Marten, Regional Forester; **Ralph Rau**, Fire Director; **Cheryl Vanderburg**, Tribal Relations Program Manager; **Chris Savage**, Kootenai National Forest, Forest Supervisor; **Tony Incashola, Jr.** and **Ron Swaney**, Tribal Forestry; **Tony Incashola, Sr.**, Salish Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee; **Mike Durglo**, Preservation Office; **Daniel Stiffarm** and **Rosemary Caye**, Kootenai Culture Committee; discussed Kootenai National Forest cultural items and collections, the upcoming fire season, and the CSKT/KNF memorandum of understanding.

Janet Camel, Economic Development, requested approval of a no-cost modification to the contract with Quicksilver to allow the second internship to extend through September 7 and extend the expiration date of the grant agreement to September 30 to allow for payment processing and completion of reports. Quicksilver sponsored two internships this summer.

MOTION by Charmel Gillin to approve a no-cost modification to the contract with Quicksilver to allow the second internship to extend through September 7 and extend the expiration date of the grant agreement to September 30 to allow for payment processing and completion of reports. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

Janet Camel, Economic Development, requested that the midyear meeting with the tribal corporations be set for Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. Janet will send out the notice of meeting date to the corporations. **Council** agreed to the meeting date. **Shelly Fyant** requested that the necessary information for the report cards be provided to the shareholders.

Janet Camel, Economic Development, asked if council wanted to set a date for the tribal council to meet with the Lake County Commissioners on the morning of September 26th in Polson. **Council** had invited them to meet in Pablo.

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.

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Shelly R. Fyant
Tribal Secretary