

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

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Held: March 21, 2019  
Approved: April 4, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leonard Gray, Vice-Chairman; Shelly Fyant, Secretary; Anita Matt, Treasurer; Dennis Clairmont; Charmel Gillin; Carole Lankford; Fred Matt; Leonard TwoTeeth; and Myrna DuMontier.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ronald Trahan, Chairman (Personal Time Off).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Trahan, Council Office Manager/Recording Secretary; and James Steele, Sr., Sergeant at Arms.

The meeting was called to **order**. Quorum established.

The meeting was opened with a **prayer** by Craige Couture and Mike McElderry.

The **Tribal Council Meeting Minutes** for March 12, 2019 were presented for approval. **No action taken.** The draft minutes were tabled for further discussion.

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

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve the agenda, with changes. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Mike McElderry, Jason Adams, Brian Lipscomb, and Craige Couture** requested permission to have access to the Council Chambers on Fridays for a men's prayer group. They used to have access to the tribal building but their fobs were turned off last week. The prayer group has been meeting in the council chambers for 23 years. It was the **consensus** of council to authorize the men's prayer group access to the council chambers on Fridays.

**Debbie Courville**, Tribal Member; and **Danielle Lefthand**, Elders Program; requested permission to have Carlene Mace, non-member daughter-in-law, to be a home caregiver. The background check and fingerprints will take up to six to eight weeks to get completed and council action would be needed to let her begin working before the background check is completed.

**MOTION** by Fred Matt to approve the non-member daughter-in-law Carlene Mace to be Debbie Courville's home caregiver, due to the circumstances, with the conditions of the process being followed of the Elders program. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**Fred Noel**, Salish Kootenai College, requested permission to apply for the Native American Library Services Basic Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**MOTION** by Fred Matt to approve by resolution submission of a grant application for the Native American Library Services Basic Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IDC Condition). Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, 8 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

### **RESOLUTION 19-099**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have been organized to represent, develop, protect and advance the views, interests, resources and education of its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salish and Kootenai College was established to provide post-secondary education and vocational training to Indians on the Flathead Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salish and Kootenai College's D'Arcy McNickle Library provides library materials and programs of need and interest to the members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes; All materials are cataloged and shelved for the use of residents of the Flathead Reservation. Special attention is given to collect all materials relating to the Tribes, their history, culture, and Reservation affairs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes approves the submission of the attached application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the FY2019 Native American Library Services Basic Grant funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council Chairman and his designated representative are authorized to negotiate and execute the grant documents and any amendments hereto.

**Len TwoTeeth** joined the meeting.

\*\*\*\*\* **Break** \*\*\*\*\*

**Gwen Couture** and the **Flathead Youth Initiative Group** introduced students from the Flathead Youth Initiative and requested support for funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Conference that will be held at Salish Kootenai College in May. The theme last year was Honoring Our Roots and 10 schools participated last year. **Anita Matt** told them if they provide the information to her, she will make a donation request to the Inter-Tribal Ag Council. **Shelly Fyant** requested they return to council and provide a report after the conference.

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to approve \$3,000 for the Second Annual Youth Conference. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

**Rodney Bird**, Two Eagle River School, requested support by resolution for the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant. The grant will provide funds for after school and summer instruction, college/career readiness, academic, and cultural needs of students at Two Eagle River School. There was discussion on waiving the IDC. **Council** referred the issue to the Financial Management Office.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to approve by resolution submission of an application and accept a grant under the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grants Program. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

## **RESOLUTION 19-100**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO EAGLE RIVER SCHOOL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPT A GRANT UNDER THE 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC GRANTS PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, there is great need to expand the educational, health, social, and recreational needs of Indian students and community on the Flathead Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Bureau of Indian Education funds are available to provide financial assistance for resources needed to address the academic, developmental and social emotional issues that affect students' school performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Two Eagle River School meets the eligibility criteria for a grant under the Bureau of Indian Education; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the request to award a grant to the Two Eagle River School and authorizes the Tribal Chair and his designated representative to negotiate and sign all documents and execute the grant documents and any amendments thereto.

**Rodney Bird**, Two Eagle River School, requested approval of a resolution to submit an application and accept a grant under the BIE Summer School Grants Program. There was discussion on waiving the IDC. **Council** referred the issue to the Financial Management Office.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to approve by resolution submission of an application and accept a grant under the BIE Summer School Grants Program. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

#### **RESOLUTION 19-101**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO EAGLE RIVER SCHOOL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPT A GRANT UNDER THE BIE SUMMER SCHOOL GRANTS PROGRAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, there is great need to expand the educational, health, social, and recreational needs of Indian students and community on the Flathead Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Bureau of Indian Education funds are available to provide financial assistance for resources needed to address the academic, developmental and social emotional issues that affect students' school performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Two Eagle River School meets the eligibility criteria for a grant under the Bureau of Indian Education; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes supports the request to award a grant to the Two Eagle River School and authorizes the Tribal Chair and his designated representative to negotiate and

sign all documents and execute the grant documents and any amendments thereto.

**Brian Upton**, Tribal Legal Department; and **Vanessa Fields**, National Bison Range Acting Refuge Manager; gave an update on Bison Range issues. Vanessa is the Acting Refuge Manager at the National Bison Range and she has been working on the comprehensive conservation plan. Some vacancies need to be filled at the Bison Range, and the Tribes may be able to help fill those vacancies. We could use a federal program for recruitment with hiring preferences.

**Rick Eneas**, Office of Financial Management, requested approval of Modification 4 to the fiscal year 2019 Tribal General Fund Budget. In September 2018, the Tribal Council approved the planning of the Ronan Health and Wellness Center by MacArthur, Means and Wells (MMW) firm. Costs have been incurred and need to be expensed to a construction budget for which Third Party revenues will be appropriated.

**MOTION** by Shelly Fyant to approve by resolution modification 4 to the fiscal year 2019 Tribal General Fund Budget. Seconded by Carole Lankford. Carried, 9 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting.

**RESOLUTION 19-102**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION 4 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 TRIBAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

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

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to increase the budget for planning and construction of the Ronan Health and Wellness Center and Third Party revenues are available to appropriate for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget will be allocated as follows:

| Account                   | Program Description   | Current Budget Authority | Increase/ (Decrease) | Revised Budget Authority |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 02-511-6420               | Construction Projects | 0                        | 500,000              | 500,000                  |
| Total Increase/(Decrease) |                       |                          | 500,000              |                          |

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to appropriate Third Party Revenues and modify the FY 2019 General Fund Budget as reflected above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the total FY 2019 General Fund Budget is increased from \$21,989,906 to \$22,489,906; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ending surplus/(deficit) of the FY 2019 General Fund remains 0.

**Len TwoTeeth** left the room.

\*\*\*\*\* **Break** \*\*\*\*\*

**Rick Eneas, Vern Clairmont** and **Bill Bjarko**, Office of Financial Management; **Chris Tyhurst**, REDW Principal; and **Chris Bitakis**, REDW Senior Manager; presented Audit Summary for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2018. There was a finding about the background checks and we need to correct this issue so it does not occur again next year. A peer review was done on the Housing Authority's auditor. The peer review has not corrected from fail to pass. We need to do something to fix this so we can include the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority in our audit.

**MOTION** by Charmel Gillin to accept the fiscal year 2018 Audit Report. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

**MOTION** by Carole Lankford to enter into a contract with REDW for the upcoming fiscal audit. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (8 present).

\*\*\*\*\* **Lunch** \*\*\*\*\*

**Len TwoTeeth** returned to the meeting.

**Council** met in **executive session** to conduct interviews for the Shoreline Protection Board. **Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Office, was present for interviews.

**Council** met in **executive session** to discuss personnel matters.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Anita Matt to accept the results of the ballot and appoint Ken Pitt to fill the nonmember Shoreline Protection Board position for a three-year term. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

**Melanie Piedalue**, Personnel Office, requested approval to appoint Mary Charlo-Crumley to a 4-year term to serve on the Two Eagle River School Board. There

were no applicants in the first advertisement and one applicant with the second advertisement.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to appoint Mary Charlo-Crumley to serve on the Two Eagle River School Board for a four-year term. Seconded by Charmel Gillin. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

**Council** met in **executive session** to discuss a personnel matter. **Melanie Piedalue** and **Renee Joachim**, Personnel Department; **Daniel Decker** and **Ryan Rusche**, Legal Department; were present for discussion.

**Council** met in **executive session** to discuss a departmental issue.

Council reconvened into **regular session**.

**MOTION** by Len TwoTeeth to appoint Joe Durglo as the temporary acting department head of the Tribal Health Department with signatory authority. Seconded by Fred Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

**Shelly Fyant** presented a request for a change of duty for a list of 12 employees to attend the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Conference at the KwaTaqNuk Resort on March 25, 2019. The employees are: Tom Johnson, Donna Durglo, Susan Pierre, Marie Torosian, Dana Hewankorn, Gail Grant, Craige Couture, Louie Fiddler, Willie Mesteth, Vern Fisher, Lailani Upham, and Rose Mary Caye.

**MOTION** by Shelly Fyant to approve a change of duty, with supervisor approval, for Tom Johnson, Donna Durglo, Susan Pierre, Marie Torosian, Dana Hewankorn, Gail Grant, Craige Couture, Louie Fiddler, Willie Mesteth, Vern Fisher, Lailani Upham, and Rose Mary Caye to attend the MMIW Conference at KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson. Seconded by Anita Matt. Carried, unanimous (9 present).

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

Council **adjourned** at 3:10 p.m., and is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

**CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES**

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Shelly R. Fyant  
Tribal Secretary