



## Oglala Sioux Tribal Treasurer's Office

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The OST Treasurer's Office would like to clarify an issue that came up at the recent Oglala Sioux Tribal Council Special Session held on January 29th, 2020.

This issue was one of the very last discussions that were addressed at the end of this Special Session, and it was on the subject of donations. Council Representative Nakina Mills brought up a "donation" that she remembered in the amount of \$50,000. Although there was no clarity on this amount in these discussions or where it came from, the following is a brief transcript of what was discussed after this issue was brought up.

*Pine Ridge Council Representative Richard Greenwald stated: "I was just going to say... on the \$50 thousand dollars that Nakina probably saw... I think we did receive a donation from KXL pipeline or one of them.... and we as a Tribe said thanks, but no thanks!! Right?. The OST Treasurer's Office comment to this was: Yeah., We sent the check back, don't know where the check went... but we didn't accept that check.*

*Lacreek Council Representative Cora White Horse then stated: Our District actually took action at the last District meeting to accept that money... because the original donation was in the name of Lacreek District and Pass Creek District. So that was THEIR action, to have that money split between Lacreek and Pass Creek.*

*Meeting then adjourned after these comments at 8:58PM"*

The Oglala Sioux Tribe DOES NOT ACCEPT DONATIONS from any oil pipeline companies like KXL/TransCanada. But the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council cannot speak for the District Governments. The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is autonomous from the actions of the Reservation Districts and their elected leadership as stated in the OST Constitution and By-laws, ARTICLE VI – DISTRICT ORGANIZATION. Council Representative White Horse wanted to clarify that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council did reject the money. But that the local District Government of Lacreek took action to accept a \$50,000 TransCanada Pipeline Donation to be split with Pass Creek. To clarify we have not received any notice that Pass Creek has accepted the donation as of today.

Currently, The Oglala Sioux Tribal Treasurer and the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, officially, does not accept donations from KXL or TransCanada Oil Pipeline Companies. In keeping with our stance against KXL and TransCanada, the donation in question was rejected and sent back to TransCanada by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and our Office back in November of last year (2019).

If the Tribal Membership have any questions concerning this issue, please contact your District President to get clarity on this subject. We encourage you to address your concerns on this issue with your District leadership.