

**TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE  
NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION  
LAME DEER, MONTANA**

**REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

June 20, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Bilford Curley, Sr.

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<b>Sheldon King</b>		X	
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		
<b>President Fisher</b>	X		

Quorum Established

**BUDGETS-ELOISE SNOW**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN  
BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 246C-NEW.**

Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		

<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>		

**10 votes Yes**

**0 votes No**

**0 Abstentions**

**Motion Carried**

**CHEYENNE TRADITIONAL DRESS-CLIFFORD EAGLEFEATHERS**

Clifford Eaglefeathers-Thank you for your presence here. It's important. There are pictures of the dress on display. The dress is made out of army coats. I first saw it in 1989 in a museum in Spokane, WA. I talked to Eva Small, Nora Flying, and Bisco Spottedwolf. All three heard about it but never seen it. The dress is coming on June 23rd or 24th. I'm asking for support on this. Let's recognize and honor our decedents. The pictures (on display), are Dull Knife and 3 of his children. I ask that you support the Little Big Horn activities and also Fort Robinson. I am asking the Northern Cheyenne Tribe to support and recognize Denise Swanke, the Little Big Horn Superintendent.

Bilford Curley-We're slowly losing out language, genealogy, and ceremonial ways. We have stuff all over the country. We have no place to put them. We need to teach our history to our children. We need to invest in our children. I want to thank Clifford for bringing this issue up, it's long overdue. We need to bring our artifacts home. We all have history, we're all related here, someway, somehow.

Conrad Fisher-It's a great story, it's a story about triumph, perseverance, tragedy. She made it home here, Iron Teeth. She also had an elk scraper that her husband made her. That is one of the stories often left out. Not only men, but we also had female warriors. We had our own trail of tears from Oklahoma. She was part of that epic journey, honor her. How do we know that the dress was made from Calvary coats?

Clifford Eaglefeathers-The information came from the North West Museum. Mary Weaselbear, Sarah Yellowfox, Beatrice Rowland Tuske, and Margaret Horn. We heard there was to be 100 years of silence. There was a reason for that, retribution and retaliation. I often wonder of we're still being penalized and punished for it. That's why we're so poor. We need to talk to our little ones about history, we need to preserve our language. That's our identity.

Bertha Yellowfox Otherbull-My mother is Sarah Yellowfox. The started to tell me about War Mother's. I asked who, and what do they do? She said your grandma Mary, and named a few others. She told me about a dress that the War Mother's made. She didn't go into specific. She told me they did something. I didn't ask what the purpose was for making this dress.

**Melissa Lonebear exits for family emergency at 12:00 p.m.**

Conrad Fisher: Historical info and archives the written references this dress belongs to the Iron Teeth. To have the data research more info for our young people and the Tribe. Frank Weaselbear was he a part of the battle of the Red River. The tribe is working on getting that site made historical

Billford Curley: Speaking in his Northern Cheyenne Language to the Tribal Council and the others in attendance

Winfield Russell: responded in his language

Denise Swanke: We are working getting the artifacts moved back to the Little Bighorn Battlefield

Conrad Fisher: Thank you for helping Clifford! What's the status pm the artifacts coming from the southwest

Denise Swanke: Major renovations or demo and rebuilding needs to take place, but the plans are still moving forward hopefully have an answer by the end of the summer.

Conrad Fisher: Recommendations from the Tribe and Allies to keep the artifacts in the original location they need to bring them back to the original site.

Poster size pictures present in the Chambers. Who was the photographer that took these pictures?

Denise Swanke: Thomas Marky, Hoffman (Miles City), Barthamus (Miles City)

Conrad Fisher: we need to have William Walksalong write the letter of recognition and all the Tribal council will sign it.

Dana Eaglefeathers: Busby district chair, the voice for the people of Busby. The Busby District wants the Tribal Council to attend the district meetings and give updates, revise 5(97) with different language.

Tracy Robinson: There is nothing in the constitution that mandates the reps to attend district meeting.

Dana Eaglefeathers: We have had meeting, regular and specials they should at least show up to one meeting.

Tracy Robinson: reads section 9 out of 5(97) Councils Duties

Oly McMakin: Muddy District at times never held a meeting for 3 months District chairs need to be held accountable and follow the plan of operations.

Lenny Elkshoulder: Dishearten because we can't get along request for one of the council to be there one of the council reps think it's personal.

Give accountability to your District on what you have done for your people

Why do you travel? We want to know what you are bringing back to the people.

Conrad Fisher: We wear many different hats as a Council Rep works both ways people that want to know need to come get involved in the Council Meetings, talk to the District be responsible and attend when asked.

Dana Eaglefeathers: Sheldon King attended all but 2 meetings and Eloise Snow attended 1 meeting.

Eloise Snow: The District has went through 4 District Chairs Dolly Rockroads, she put a restraining order on me, Dolly/Sheldon-no meetings, Sheldon was chair I gave updates, April Martin I gave updates, Dana I gave my updates and in the minutes it stated that I left mad. Just the last meeting I went to the meeting I gave updates kept my word.

Lenny Elkshoulder: something beyond this that is going on.

Tracy Robinson: Accountability- bring forth a complaint, or when the times is up vote them out.

President Fisher: Meeting held in Eloise Snow office we shook hands let by gones be by gones, issues were settled.

**MOTION DISSAPPROVING THE RESOLUTION REQUIRING TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT MEETING AT LEAST QUARTERLY.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Conrad Fisher  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			X

9 votes Yes

0 votes No

1 Abstentions

Motion Carried

Tracy Robinson: We have an agenda to follow so let's move on.

Joe Fox, Jr.: Mandates to report in the constitution it spells it out. Everything is already in place no need for a resolution.

Merlin Sioux: Waited hour and a half no one showed.

Dana Eaglefeathers: recognize district chairs without retaliation against us like the Muddy District we are only a voice for our district people. In Busby we want a school board back in place action was taken against me without board action.

William Rowland: Why did all of this come about?

Dana Eaglefeathers: Jordan game Busby Boys Basketball games in Jordan the boys were caught smoking, they were searched.

Conrad Fisher: What does this have to do with the resolution? Give me an example as to one time this has happened?

Eloise Snow: There is minutes there was 3 board members I was now one of them.

Conrad Fisher: District Chairs should have thick skin as well.

Dana Eaglefeathers: Something to be written for our protection

Dana Eaglefeathers: The first letter that I got from the Busby school after that deal in Jordan stated that I was banned from the campus.

Oly McMakin: 2<sup>nd</sup> letter Due to the fact that of bullying the Superintendent

Dana Eaglefeathers: Asking the Council to support this resolution?

Cowboy Fisher: File a complaint if you get the threats draft it up and submit.

Eloise Snow: Clarify one thing I was the last one on the Agenda

Dana Eaglefeathers: Action has been taken on me!!! After action was taken the district wants to take this action.

Joe: when did the meeting take place? Isolate the issue- documentation should be in place. Schedule a meeting with the sup/principle, dean of students.

Oly McMakin: 1<sup>st</sup> letter banned, 2<sup>nd</sup> letter limited access Sup didn't feel safe (This was board action), 3<sup>rd</sup> letter came after the meeting in Eloise office.

Cowboy Fisher: Can you guys resolve this issue?

Dana Eaglefeathers: Would just like to get this resolution passed, coming you as a Tribal member/Father not District Chair.

Conrad Fisher: This resolution is more in general specifically for District Chairs?

Joe Fox: 3 people approached me threatened it's not good extensive documentation bullying have you seen it? I have to have documentation before I make a decision

Conrad Fisher: Have you meet with other District Chairs before you brought this forward?

Dana Eaglefeathers: The council is protected when they try to fight you that's one thing, but they have did this to me there is documentation. I have a motion to present this so that's what I'm doing.

Oly McMakin: You cannot use this Cheyenne Voice because the info was not true.

President Fisher: Who needs the protection Conrad? Conrad 2 death threats, beat the hell out of me!

Tracy Robinson: You as a Parent after reading the letter for your own protection the letters are clear

Conrad Fisher: Have you asked the District Chairs? Set precedence on how the Council is Viewed this can open a can of worms.

**MOTION MADE BY CONRAD FISHER TO HEAR WHAT DANA HAS TO PRESENT. NO SECOND-MOTION DIED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			X

10 votes Yes

1 vote No

0 Abstentions

**Motion Carried**

Conrad Fisher: Motion is dead on the floor due to lack of a second.

Lenny Elkshoulder: Retaliation with jobs, take my well being

Benji Headswift: I recommend that you make sure your paperwork in all lined out guidelines set.

Tracy Robinson: What are we going to do? Are we moving on?

Conrad fisher: I don't support it! We cannot support this resolution.

Cowboy Fisher: Recommend to disapprove this resolution.

Winfield Russell: Meet, iron this out, and get other districts involved.

Joe Fox: Within the guidelines process and procedures thoroughly document should be in the plan of operations.

Tracy Robinson: Now the resolution was drafted, taken into account fearing for losing their jobs in the constitution there are provisions. I would never present myself in the 8 years that I've been in. (If there is a council rep guilty of something like this then there is a provision)

Dana Eaglefeathers: Disband the Ad HOC and put a School Board in place. Big meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> in Billings. Have the meeting in Busby use the travel money for food feed the people and let's all be involved. Need something in writing dates so I would show the people. It time to take action

**MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON TO DISAPPROVE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING RETALIATION ON DISTRICT CHAIRS. SECOND BY JOE FOX, JR.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>		X	
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		X

**9 votes Yes**

**1 vote No**

**1 Abstention**

**Motion Carried**

Cowboy Fisher: Really support you but the new plan of operation make changes or changes I want to move forward with the School Board Election.

Dana Eaglefeathers: Our kids go to school there and the AD-HOC makes decisions when their kids don't go to school there. Parents need to get involved.

Eloise Snow: Policies were they given to you?

Dana Eaglefeathers: If you're not going to pass this I need something in writing to me there is documentation. I have a motion to present this so that's what I'm doing.

Cowboy Fisher: I haven't seen the Draft that why we're having the meeting.

Dana Eaglefeathers: Shouldn't we be involved?

Tracy Robinson: Council and admin review, 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents and Board review and give feedback, (It's going to affect us), we all need ownership when it comes to these policies and finances, see it go out to the people.

Oly McMakin: Appointed Board I would like to see it in November.

Dana Eaglefeathers: Ongoing issue since November my first meeting.

Oly McMakin: Parents should be involved because their kids go to school there.

Dana Eaglefeathers: Ashland, Birney, Lame Deer have no voice because both Busby Reps and Muddy Reps sit on the Board.

Conrad Fisher: This is a draft District representation. Ad-HOC should have the say that governs the legal doc.

Input from the communities

AD-HOC has that responsibility

Set some timelines and milestones.

**MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISSOLVING THE AD HOC SCHOOL BOARD. SECOND BY BENJI HEADSWIFT.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>		

**9 votes Yes**

**1 vote No**

**1 Abstention**

**Motion Carried**

Cowboy Fisher: USDA is here to meet with Tribal Council.

Joe Fox: DOI-13 Main oversight past Fiscal management (reason why)

Eloise Snow: Progress with Ben/ Finish process

Dana Eaglefeathers: Submitting plan for the hall in Busby



No show Stacie Joiner

USDA introduction 2:45 p.m.

Economic Development clean drinkable water (water plant)

Water resources are not passing bring the exam out infrastructure bright yellow water sample.

Needs assessment-8-9 million for ½ USDA will pick up the other half

- Central facility for all five district
- Repair and buffering under conservation
- Annual payments
- Work with Kathy Knobloch

Conrad Fisher: Formal introductions, what conservation is about?

Bruce Johnson-Farm Loan

Keisha-Bighorn County

Diane-Rosebud County

Jennifer Perez-Public Affairs

Rocky- Forsyth

David-Miles City (Eastern Montana)

Tracy Robinson: One of the programs Buffalo Pasture Fence: 300 head of buffalo running with livestock

USDA: Strick force monies, package if on the bubble for the tribe, funding is getting close

Cowboy Fisher: Could you appropriate \$100,000 for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe?

Conrad Fisher: What Programs do you help on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation right now?

USDA: Tribal College (On going) Business Center

Strike force-applies to all Indian Country Prioritized.

NRCS: Kathy Knobloch has brought in:

- FSA assistance with fencing after the Ash creek fire
- NAP Program- Insurance for crop loss (grazing non alpha hay) Waive fee
- Free crop insurance 50% loss, Diane is working w/BIA to get a list of everyone that has farm/pasture units.
- August 10<sup>th</sup> 9-2, September 14<sup>th</sup> 9-2 44 unit, 20 prod need a printer when we come!

USDA: # of different funding sources under USDA.

USDA: Tribal College

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

YES NO ABSTAIN

<b>Sheldon King</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>		<b>X</b>	

**9 votes Yes**

**2 votes No**

**0 Abstentions**

**Motion Carried**

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 3:40 P.M.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 2 abstention this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe