

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

**SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**  
May 2, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Killsback called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Joe Walksalong, Jr.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher, Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>L. Jace Killsback, President</b>	<b>X</b>		

Quorum Established

A working session with Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health convened prior to Special Session.

**PROCUREMENT POLICY DEVIATION-DION KILLSBACK**

Benji Headswift-Tami can respond.

Tami Ontiveros-Within the procurement manual, this is allowable. The sole source is not the issue. My concern was the complete deviation from the policy. The Tribe does not receive the money up front, the process will be done with a purchase order and vouchers. We will keep Renessa in the process and we are asking that a point of contact be clearly established, so we're not paying someone for work that hasn't been done.

Dion Killsback-I sent the wrong version to Eugene this morning. I apologize for the confusion. Jace will be the signatory for those. We want to make sure you're comfortable and informed when we make these kinds of decisions.

Conrad Fisher-Sometimes we forget to include others that are important. Thank you Tami.

Joe Fox, Jr.-The transparency and everyone working together, it'll benefit everyone in the long run. This is a positive endeavor. It's going to be a great addition to the community. They will know that Tribal Governance is working together.

Conrad Fisher-When we schedule these types of meetings, we will ask you what your schedule is, we have to reach out to you first.

Jace Killsback-Tomorrow I have to get the Directors together.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I'd like to make a motion to approve this, and to include "best interest" and identify a point of contact.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO DEVIATE FROM THE POLICIES SET FORTH IN THE PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING MANUAL TO RETAIN AN ARCHITECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL BOARD OF HEALTH'S (COUNSELING) HEALING CENTER.**  
 Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Waylon Rogers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher	X		

**11 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**REQUEST FOR BACKPAY-LEONARD ELSKHOULDER, JR.**

Benji Headswift-I talked to Lenny and he requested that we table this until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MOTION MADE BY BENJI HEADSWIFT TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM UNTIL JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND FOR IT TO BE PLACED ON THE TOP OF THE AGENDA. SECOND BY SHELDON KING.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Benji Headswift	X		

<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**CHIEF OF POLICE RECOMMENDATION-BENJI HEADSWIFT**

Benji Headswift-Earlier we met, we discussed this resolution as part of the remedy. Prior to this we talked about getting it to Brian, to include review and recommendations.

**MOTION MADE BY BENJI HEADSWIFT TO RECOMMEND RANDY ELLIOT FOR CHIEF OF POLICE. SECOND BY VERNON SMALL.**

Tom Rockroads-I want to compliment you for what you did last night with the Superintendent and Chief of Police. We had a confrontation with Randy. When a person that's in that capacity is in a uniform, I respect that individual. I don't have respect for Randy. At the same time, that's how I see Donovan Wind. My trust in these two disseminated a long time ago. Since that happened at our place, I won't allow these two to be in these positions. It was police abuse. We needed assistance to assist our son. I have no faith and respect for BIA police. Cheyenne people's lives matter. I wanted to let you know my personal views with that department. If someone is in those capacities, they have to have respect for the Cheyenne people. What if Randy pulled that trigger? Even a taser can cause cardiac arrest. This is just one story with my family. I don't ever want to see anyone from the police department at my place. Hopefully, you will understand what I'm talking about. It's a real life trauma story.

Merlin Sioux-By listening to you, the court system has failed you and law enforcement has failed you.

Joe Fox, Jr.-Over by my place. We made the first initial call, there was some shooting at Sitting Man's Dam. I asked the police to check it out. It was about three hours later, three cop cars came flying to my house. When they came, they asked who was shooting around by my house. I told them, maybe the call was distorted. Stuff like that does happen, distortion of information or distortion of report.

Chuck Kaline-Michael Bryant, the court never offered him legal advice. They sent him on to federal court. He served four years. He disputed his charges and beat his case. We have to protect our own people. We should have the police under the Tribe, not BIA.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Randy has never done nothing to me. We have a mutual respect. But, after hearing Mr. Rockroads, I won't be supporting him.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN BY BENJI HEADSWIFT**

**MOTION MADE BY MERLIN SIOUX TO TABLE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR CHIEF OF POLICE. SECOND BY VERNON SMALL.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.			ABSENT
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher	X		

**10 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**ADOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING.** Motion made by Conrad Fisher. Second by Willie Rowland.

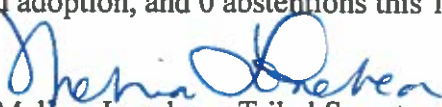
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher	X		

**11 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 3:51 P.M.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.

  
 Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe