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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

October 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Acting President Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

INVOCATION: Rosalie Birdwoman

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
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		
Conrad Fisher, Acting President	X		

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting President Fisher-I passed a letter out to the Budget & Finance Committee. It addresses the issue of two assistants. This was initiated by a budget report that was handed out, and a resolution that was passed. I am requesting your office to reconsider the elimination of two positions. These are critical in day to day operations. It's something that our office cannot function without these positions. They're the conduit to the outside. In Indian Country, the President and Vice President serve as the primary contact. When you eliminate these positions you put a strangle hold on the President and Vice President.

Debra Charette-In the meeting we said that we would revisit it. We had a meeting, and you didn't come. What date do you have open? Check your calendar and get back with me. When we had our Council Meeting, we said that budget was a living document.

Acting President Fisher-The Executive branch should have had input.

Debra Charette-One of the things is we are putting a position in for our Program Director,.

Acting President Fisher-I'm curious as to why they were eliminated.

Debra Charette-You have two people in the front and two in the back. We have two in the front and there are ten of us.

Acting President Fisher-Who is going to do the Executive work as we speak?

Dana Eaglefeathers-One position was created when Winfield was Vice President.

Acting President Fisher-There was no communication between the Council and President and Vice President. This conversation could be eliminated by not eliminating those positions.

Debra Charette-How many will be here for Budget & Finance? We'll have a meeting at 9:00 in the morning.

Amanda Whiteshirt-We need to move up to the 21st Century, they need those people. Their jobs are already stacked. In the positions of President and Vice President. What are we scared of here? So that office won't be at full capacity.

Stella Wallowing-Why is William making all the decisions for the President and Vice President? You guys are all big headed and taking advantage. There's a sign that says, no bullying. I know one Council that goes around and bullies everyone. What do you bring back when you go on travel? You are all going to be gone. We've had a tough, tough, time and we have to suffer for it. Where's the Permanent Fund? Where's all the money? Where is the St. Labre money? Where is the General Fund?

Leroy Whiteman-I was told that the propane tank was paid for by the General Fund. Nobody seems to know. You didn't as the people, is this what we want? I spent some of my own retirement on things.

Sheldon King-Everything that is spent is going to be paid back by a grant. We are doing this to help our people.

Lavonda Brady-Why is it, the Council don't go to districts and inform anyone? These projects, why don't we every have input? Send it out, see if we really want it.

Acting President Fisher-Where is the money coming from?

Debra Charette-From the cell tower revenue.

Leroy Whiteman-I saw figures, is that money coming in to pay your travel? There are district meetings, why don't you come to district meetings?

Debra Charette-The last one I went to, I sat outside for 45 minutes. Nobody showed up.

Sheldon King-We haven't had one since last October.

Rynalea Pena-It's good information. Your tribal newspaper is just organized corruption. I talked to the Media Specialist and he said you guys tell him what to put in there. We are Cheyennes, and this is the worst I've ever seen it. So much disrespect and humility. I'm so discouraged about all the things that are going on. I'm here to support my sister, you took her out of her position just for spite. This isn't her only job. She's a prayerful person. I'm here to support her. I've never seen the Council do this to the President and Vice President. I've never seen the President's position, split between the Human Resource Director and Administrator. She got written up for getting a General Fund print out. She was told to disperse it. The names on there, she wasn't even told what it was. The lies need to stop. I raised all of my kids and grandkids. I don't ask for handouts. I try to do it all on my own.

Leroy Whiteman-Conrad, the way I read your letter, you will resign if the other person resigns. Is that correct? You don't have to leave November 20th.

Acting President Fisher-That's the way we discussed it. My letter was strictly about me. When the new Council gets in, I would step down.

Amanda Whiteshirt-Is there an Ordinance for the propane company? When we disagree with you, it's constructive criticism. Do more advertising. What happened to all the business? Why aren't we getting per cap for it. What happened to our per cap?

Stella Wallowing-I have a question, I want to know about Benji Headswift. And you make a big thing about Jace? Tribal members want to know.

Sheldon King-Benji is no longer on payroll. He used up the last of his leave, and he's done.

Lavonda Brady-I would like to see all the Council, you should all be at the district meetings. Some people don't know anything about computers. You have projects going on over here. The people have the final say. If you have things, set it up with the district.

Acting President Fisher-Hopefully, we'll have good freshman Councilmen.

BUDGETS-DEBRA CHARETTE

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 363A-363D. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Merlin Sioux.

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

Willie Rowland	X	
Vernon Small	X	
Dana Eaglefeathers	X	

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CASH TRANSFER FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT PL-7320-70-5 FOR THE FY19 GRAZING OPERATIONS. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Vernon Small.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CASH TRANSFER FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT PL7324-70-7 FOR THE FY19 GRAZING OPERATIONS.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried

NCUC GRANT-SHELDON KING

Sheldon King-This is so we can get trucks for Utilities.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A NORTHERN CHEYENNE UTILITY COMMISSION APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MONTANA COAL BOARD FOR AN EQUIPMENT GRANT AND WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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2019 TRIBAL BUSINESS PLANNING GRANT-SHELDON KING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2019 TRIBAL BUSINESS PLANNING GRANT (TBPG) PROPOSAL TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INDIAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ICED) PROGRAM TO FUND NORTHERN CHEYENNE WIND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION STATE OF MT COAL BOARD-SHELDON KING

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MONTANA COAL BOARD FOR A CONSTRUCTION GRANT AND WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Karen Locher-In this transportation grant, why is the Council waiving our sovereign immunity?

Sheldon King-In case we don't follow through on our part.

Melissa Lonebear-It's a state requirement. All state contracts require it, including LIHEAP and our commodity program.

TEDC GRANT-BIA FUNDING-SHELDON KING

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH EFORMATIVE OPTIONS, LLC, TO ASSIST WITH THE FY 2018- FY 2019 TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY (TEDC) GRANT PROJECT FUNDED BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA). Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux.

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

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WELLNESS CENTER CONSTRUCTION-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Amanda Whiteshirt-On this one, the building they're in now, is it condemned?

Dana Eaglefeathers-This was part of the RAMAH settlement that was earmarked for health.

Debra Charette-This is the 5th time this was passed. The money is just sitting there.

Amanda Whiteshirt-Wasn't that money set aside for a new IHS facility?

Stella Wallowing-The money and housing, is it in the housing account?

Sheldon King-We all sat in a room and discussed this.

Eugene Littlecoyote-Tribal governments sued the federal government for short changing us. Tribes banded together and sued the government. The former President had an idea for a wellness center. That was launched two years ago. I was approached by the board of commissioners with the plans for the building with no debt, without getting loans. Whatever moves it forward, I support.

Lisa Limpy Just-Whenever Eugene laid out all the facts, we were in support. We just need to go ahead with the project.

Bilford Curley-Reciprocal, that word keeps coming back. I support the project for the health center. As a board of health commissioner, I was to help the people. I want to prioritize a dialysis center for our people. I will support the health center, I want to push for a community center. We don't have any. Why? Why can't we help people that have appointments? There's no communication. Some old people are running out of wood, their food is running low. You're never around, always traveling. I'm just concerned. The constituents have a lot of power, it's their vote. You guys never had a meeting for 3 or 4 months. That's what I'm concerned about. I want to encourage you. You are the first Vice President that we have that speaks good Cheyenne. There's a lot of things we want to build. This personal vendetta, write it up. Let the people know.

A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. DOI-071 (2018) AND TO FUND AND IMPLEMENT CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE WELLNESS CENTER. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Merlin Sioux. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Willie Rowland	X	
Vernon Small	X	
Dana Eaglefeathers	X	

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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TRIBAL PREMIUM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM-STERLING SMALL

Sterling Small-This resolution needs to include language that states that it is preferred but not required.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS OF THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRIBAL PREMIUM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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TRIBALLY OWNED ENTITIES-SHELDON KING

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING ALL TRIBAL AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS TO PATRONIZE TRIBALLY-OWNED ENTITIES. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT-SHELDON KING

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019 SPECIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY IN THE OFFICES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Debra Charette. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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NORTHWESTERN ENERGY RATE-COUNSEL-SHELDON KING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NORTHWESTERN ENERGY RATE SETTING PROCEEDING AND ASSOCIATED RETENTION OF LOCAL COUNSEL. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried

NCTBOH ATTORNEY CONTRACT-EUGENE LITTLECOYOTE

Acting President Fisher-Is this the same contract we were trying to give Dion Killsback? Was Dion Killsback aware of the contract? It just seems odd that Board of Health wanted a contract with Mr. Killsback the last time. Now we have a non-tribal member.

Eugene Littlecoyote-I can verify that a RFP was approved at the board level, it was advertised. The board reviewed and accepted the proposal.

Stella Wallowing-Why don't you hire someone that's a tribal member?

Eugene Littlecoyote- This particular time, only this person put in for it. In this specific case, only one person put in for it.

Acting President Fisher-It went through the system, look at the policy manual. We need to have stronger language to emphasize for tribal preference.

LAW & ORDER CODE TRAVEL PERMIT-MERLIN SIOUX

Merlin Sioux-Basically it's regarding trespass, it added language for trespass.

Vernon Small-After speaking to the Chief of Police, we need to add "any intentional conduct resulting in the fear of bodily harm or bodily harm itself".

ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV, SECTIONS 4-1-2, 4-2-1 and 4-2-2 OF THE LAW AND ORDER CODE. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Vernon Small. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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RMTLC FEDERAL CHARTER SUPPORT-SHELDON KING

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO GRANT A FEDERAL CHARTER ON BEHALF OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADER'S COUNCIL. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO ABSTAIN

Debra Charette	X	
Sheldon King	X	
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X	
Benji Headswift		
Merlin Sioux	X	
Waylon Rogers		
Willie Rowland	X	
Vernon Small	X	
Dana Eaglefeathers	X	

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried

BIA FUNDING-ABILA MIP SYSTEM

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING AND ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PURCHASE OF, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ABILA MIP SYSTEM FOR THE CALCULATING OF EMPLOYEE LEAVE STATUS. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Vernon Small.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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^{*}Resolution was not submitted to Tribal Secretary by deadline date.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Sheldon King.

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

Waylon Rogers		
Willie Rowland	X	
Vernon Small	X	
Dana Eaglefeathers	X	

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PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 6 votes for passage and adoption, 1 vote against passage and adoption, and 2 abstentions this 8th day of January 2019.

Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary

Northern Cheyenne Tribe