

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

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**MINUTES**

October 23, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting President Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Dana Eaglefeathers

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ENROLLMENT-SHELDON KING**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF THIRTY-THREE (33) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Debra Charette.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>		

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</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>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>		

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR SEVENTEEN (17) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Waylon Rogers. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</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>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>		

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF SIX (6) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.** Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Willie Rowland.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR THREE (3) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL.** Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**ELECTION SCHEDULE-TRIBAL SECRETARY**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN POSITION OF TRIBAL PRESIDENT ARISING FROM REMOVAL OF IMMEDIATE PAST TRIBAL PRESIDENT.** Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		

<b>Sheldon King</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</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>		

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

**ELECTION CLERKS & JUDGES-TRIBAL SECRETARY**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</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>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>		

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

**RECESS @ 2:20 P.M. for Permanent Fund Board Meeting**

**PERMANENT FUND BOARD MEETING**

**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, Acting President</b>	<b>X</b>		

Quorum Established

**PF ALLOCATION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: PERMANENT FUND.** Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</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>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>		

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FIRST MODIFICATION OF PERMANENT FUND ALLOCATION FY (18).** Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</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>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>		

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF PERMANENT FUND BOARD MEETING.** Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Waylon Rogers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</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>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>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Permanent Fund Board Meeting adjourned @ 2:25 p.m.**

**RECONVENE @ 2:25 P.M.**

**LAND BUY BACK IMPLEMENTATION-WILLIAM WALKSALONG**

Benji Headswift-We need to get a better understanding on this.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I talked to William, and we need a resolution before we can negotiate.

Debra Charette-BIA just got back from training on this.

Lenny Elkshoulder-I was working for Land Buy Back, when you negotiate with the government, make sure that we get things our way. Make sure, this is what we want because it's coming back to our tribe. We need an aggressive negotiation. They'll try to get away with as much as we can.

Debra Charette-It's for 25% or less.

Lenny Elkshoulder-People need to get full value. When it comes back, hopefully we can get a fair deal.

William Walksalong-In order to move forward, we have to have a tribal resolutions. I went to training and signed a non-disclosure. We will work with land authority and start prioritizing land. The fractionated land with dwelling or improvements, and offers on tracks of timber resource. This is out for public comment. If someone owns 25% or more, they're able to buy other heirs out. Daines supported us. There's 3 things they require, and they're listed in the resolution. We need this on record so we can start moving forward. We'll draft the cooperative agreement. It has 3 full time employees, GSA vehicles, supplies, and office space. Once we get the resolution, they'll start sending information.

Dana Eaglefeathers-This is just a resolution, not an agreement.

William Walksalong-It's going to be basically the same.

Debra Charette-How long is it?

William Walksalong-In 7 months. On March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lenny Elkshoulder-Who's doing appraisals?

William Walksalong-The last time, the BIA did.

Lenny Elkshoulder-Are we going to be dealing with the same thing?

William Walksalong-We have to have an agreement in place by the second week of December 2017.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN AND APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL NATIONS AT THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**PERSONNEL MANUAL OVERRIDE-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS**

Dana Eaglefeathers-Do you have a problem administering programs?

William Walksalong-No, I don't.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Have you had personnel manual committee meetings?

William Walksalong-We are having one on Thursday.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I was talking to my colleagues, we're going to hold off until the next meeting.

William Walksalong-I just got the documentation last week. I had no inkling what was going on with some programs. What I want to do is conduct a survey, not only with directors, but clear down to employees of all programs.

Dana Eaglefeathers-My biggest thing is there's no protection for employees.

Sheldon King-Denise has a lot of good things that need to be changed in there.

Acting President Fisher-Let's give them a time frame. The Council established this committee. We should allow them to give an update.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Where I stand on this, there's a lot of tribal membership that don't have no recourse. Their constitutional rights are stripped from them. There's a lot of complaints that came in. I don't like that stack getting thicker and thicker.

Sheldon King-I recommend consolidating all the policies out there. Most of the time, we shouldn't be dealing with personnel issues.

Acting President Fisher-Maybe, we can have an update at the next meeting.

**MOTION MADE BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS TO TABLE THE AGENDA ITEM AND TO REVIEW ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup>. SECOND BY VERNON SMALL.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**TIMBER HARVEST AGREEMENT-MERLIN SIOUX**

Merlin Sioux-Due to the fire, these are the only changes.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL**



**COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED GENERAL TIMBER HARVEST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND ASHLAND FOREST PRODUCTS, INC. AND RELATED DOCUMENTS.** Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL-ACTING PRES. FISHER**

Acting President Fisher-This is for the feasibility, it's all about capacity and building opportunities for the tribe.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EDAP) ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO FUND THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.**

Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

Benji Headswift-With the Permanent Fund, we are going to start a singing program. There will be 10 positions and it will be 3 times a week for 8 weeks. Singing is a huge part of our culture.

The way Conrad and myself learned, we really can't do that anymore. There will be 5 drums with 5 sets sticks. There will be hand drums, fiber hide drums. This will start during Christmas break.

Acting President Fisher-We should all be at our Sacred Hat Keepers house.

Joe Weaselbear-On this personnel committee, who is the committee consisted of? I've been in the work force since 1976. At St. Labre, they would ask us for recommendations. In order to make changes, our voices need to be heard. I was threatened, I didn't have recourse. A lot of things have happened to me over the past year. I hope I can express it without recourse. I already got threatened to be terminated. I'm tired of having of having to go to work in a hostile environment. If the committee isn't set, I would like a chance to sit on the committee. We're not supposed to be afraid to say anything.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Vernon Small.

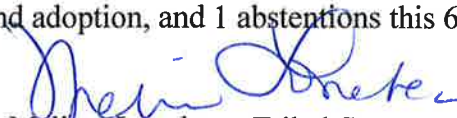
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Adjourned @ 3:08 p.m.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 7 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 1 abstentions this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

  
 Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe