

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

RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

January 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Acting President Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:52 p.m.

INVOCATION: Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting President Fisher-I'd like to thank everybody for being here. This is a rescheduled regular session. Last week was the election week. We rescheduled for this week.

ELDERLY UPDATE-NOT PRESENT

DISTRICT UPDATE-NOT PRESENT

Melissa Lonebear-Nellie Ann was here and had a court matter to take care of.

ULRICH INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS CONTRACT-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Dana Eaglefeathers-This is something that's been in the works. We've all had a chance to go over it. In a nutshell, it's bringing on John Ulrich to take care of some of the revenues that can't be touched.

Benji Headswift-They're an investment group, consultants. We're trying to create more revenue for the tribe outside of the permanent fund. The interest develops too slowly. We feel that this consultant will give us a better chance to invest. It's an opportunity to take advantage of.

They're smart when it comes to investing money. In 2008 when the market crashed they were one of the very few investment companies that stayed above water.

Acting President Fisher-This would be the Ramah settlement, some of those laid dormant and we want to invest some of them. Rather than them just sitting there.

Sheldon King-It's per cap that's already been given out, it's unclaimed percap. He proved himself with Navajos' that's why we choose Mr. Ulrich.

Benji Headswift-I think with the future Council, once we start this investment, they can choose what they want to do with it them. It will put our tribe in a better position. It'll be an advantage point for the tribe. More funds set up and the future council will really benefit from this.

Dana Eaglefeathers-it'll be set up like the permanent fund structure.

Darlene Soldierwolf-Did you take this out to the people? Did the people agree? Did you go to each district?

Acting President Fisher-Was there an opportunity for constituents to have input?

Sheldon King-In Busby District, we haven't had a meeting in a while.

Darlene Soldierwolf-I think the people should have a voice in each district.

Acting President Fisher-Ideally that should be something that should occur.

Benji Headswift-We can always make a motion to table. And recommend that each district representative take it out and see how everybody feels about this.

Acting President Fisher-I think it's a good deal, I think it's something we need to do with money that's available. It would provide our tribal membership with additional money. I know we did the same thing with the carbon credits. If this is the wishes of the Council, we can do that.

Sheldon King-The thing is that with all the cuts that are coming, that Trump put on us. Next year, LIHEAP is gone. Next year, our people are going to be suffering. We're looking at being self-sustaining, for our own people. People better start thinking about all the cuts that are coming.

Acting President Fisher-Shall we have a timeline?

Benji Headswift-I say by the first council meeting in February, the first one. As a matter of fact, I almost want to make a recommendation that Ulrich come up and make a presentation. I'm sure he'd be willing to come up. There's huge federal cuts coming down from D.C., from the Trump administration. The faster we see investments, the faster we see money coming back from the Tribe. This is a sensitive issue, because it's money the Tribe already has.

Stella Wallowing-What you're talking about, why wasn't it done last year? Instead of bringing it up now, it would have helped a lot now financially.

Acting President Fisher-I think what the Council is trying to do, is look at every resource that they have. So, we can cover some of the cuts down the road.

Debbie Charette-We didn't know John last year.

Benji Headswift-This consultant wasn't available to us. We go back and forth getting this contract. I don't think this could have happened within a month or two. It took some time to process it to develop where it's at. Hopefully, we can all come to agreeance that this is the best thing for the tribe.

Stella Wallowing-What about the permanent fund and St. Labre? That money could have helped the tribe.

Benji Headswift-The St. Labre settlement goes into the permanent fund, and it's distributed to the districts.

Sheldon King-We're preparing for next year; we can still come together as a whole.

Acting President Fisher-Let me say one thing, another way of looking at this is to inform communities of what the permanent fund is all about.

Antoinette Redwoman-The investment firm-the wealthy people come and in three months, they get a check. Explain to the people who they are, explain how much they're investing and explain to the people that they'll get a chair. If you explain it like that, our people will be receptive. We should get the money returns in three months. If that's what they're saying, I agree what they should do.

MOTION MADE BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM FOR 30 DAYS AND TO REFER IT BACK TO THE DISTRICTS, AND TO HAVE ULRICH HAVE ONE GRANT PRESENTATION. AGENDA ITEM WILL BE MOVED TO FEBRUARY 19TH. SECOND BY SHELDON KING.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

NCDC BOARD APPOINTMENTS-SHELDON KING

Sheldon King-Recommendations, Ernie Robinson, Charelle Martin, Oly McMakin, Jennie Lou LaFranier. These are their recommendations.

Acting President Fisher-They recommend to the Council and we have an opportunity to recommend others. Then they make a decision on it. Should this go out to communities, to solicit in the form of letters of interest?

Stella Wallowing-I think it should be given out to the community, because there are younger people. We need new people, with different ideas. It would be really nice if it did go out to the people.

Sheldon King-It was advertised twice; we can advertise again.

Benji Headswift-I think we'll go ahead and advertise.

Waylon Rogers-We're doing this per policy, we're doing exactly what the policy says. We're not taking action today.

Sheldon King-The meeting was on Thursday and it ended Friday. That's why he was notified today. They're going to have another NCDC meeting, Wednesday, get their letters of interest in.

Debbie Charette-Since this is addressed to you, maybe you can address it back to them.

Sheldon King-Northern Cheyenne Development Corporation is the ones that oversees the Depot, Laundromat, and all the future development that will happen on our reservation.

Willie Rowland-Nobody gets paid for everything on there. They do it on their own time.

Benji Headswift-Talking about younger people being on there, she has knowledge about going forward with our own tribal propane company. The money would stay here on the reservation.

FOREST CARBON CONSULTANTS-BENJI HEADSWIFT

Benji Headswift-We have an opportunity as a tribe for whatever kind of company puts a pollutant in the air, what's happening is the carbon makes its way to the forest. The trees, are a natural filter system, carbon is being dumped on our natural resources, and the trees are holding the carbon. The carbon credit is making that industry to pay for that carbon. It's unique and new, they imposed this on the huge industrial people. Once we step into this agreement, you're looking at stepping into it for one hundred years. As is, the offer stands that there's an investment that purchasing these carbon credits. Based off the research, it would be around 3 million dollars for the initial payment. On an average year would be 179 thousand to 280 per year. We had that meeting here, the majority of the people did agree with it. For me it's like a fantasy come true. You have an opportunity to preserve the forest and get some money off it. It works out perfect with our forest management plan. They gave us a huge applause for our stewardship for our land and how well we preserve it.

Darlene Soldierwolf-This should go out to the people, I'm a land owner. Did you ask me? It's going to affect my land. I think it should go out to the district.

Benji Headswift-That's why we're getting a consultant to see if it's even feasible. Do we want to include land owners that own land?

Sheldon King-It was advertised; it's not like it's going to hurt our land. This is just the carbon credits.

Dana Eaglefeathers-It did get it presented at the Busby District, this has been in the works for over a year now.

Stella Wallowing-She's not from Busby, she's from Muddy.

Lori Fourhorn-I think this should go out to the people, there's a lot of ceremonial sites here. It needs to go to the people.

Acting President Fisher-We've re-evaluated that whole position. That's why we want to have a third party consultant. We're considering going forward at this time. I don't know if it makes sense to take it out until we get a recommendation from the third party. Right now, what we're trying to do is hire this firm to revisit what we want to do. It would make sense, have them do this research first. If you want us to go out there, I would recommend, once we have it then we can go out to the districts.

Stella Wallowing-At Busby District our representative is never around. Since our District Chairman is never around to have meetings.

Delphino Guavera-In 1979, I told them to go out and look at the needles. It was affecting our trees back then. How are they going to break that down? They were affected already. When you get that third party, if these individuals make a recommendation, take it to the public. I saw the damage that was already occurring. Even the deer, wild game is affected. How devastating to drive up to a deer, and it wouldn't shy away. It wouldn't because of the service water that it was drinking. It had boils and skin lesions on them. It's coming this way. When you have that third party, have them check the wild life.

Lori Fourhorn-How much would the third party charge?

Acting President Fisher-\$2000 for the whole contract.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING CONTRACT WITH FOREST CARBON CONSULTANTS. Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Waylon Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.			

Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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PERSONNEL MANUAL AMENDMENT-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Denise Swank-There's three parts and a new committee.

Lori Fourhorn-Dana can you explain that again, we can't hear you on this side. Can Benji explain it because we can understand him more?

Dana Eaglefeathers-In July 2017, there was personnel policy issues that came up. They haven't met for three months. We redid the personnel revision committee, since the appointment, they've only had two meetings. Their workloads have doubled, if not tripled. Programs go under the Tribal Administrator. They will have a revised committee within four months.

Lori Fourhorn-If an employee was to get fired, would that give them more of a right to appeal their job back. Would you be able to help the employee?

Dana Eaglefeathers-The employee appeals board will actually be the community that would hear the appeal?

Sheldon King-She understands that there's going to be a five-member panel. It's going to give our employees more rights. We're giving due process back to our employees.

Acting President Fisher-If somebody is terminated, maybe the employee should be given an opportunity to go to treatment or something. If they're terminated, it goes to the appeals board.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The fairness will be a lot more broad. We can work as a collective body to generate those more.

Denise Swank-It almost became a non-decision, it almost looked like they had no right. Having it named as an employee appeals board, it will give them the right to have representation. The tribal appeals board was made up of tribal employees. That fear is not going to be there anymore. It will be made up of people in the community, other than our tribal government entity. The other items today, are necessary to go into further revisions.

Sheldon King-She ended a job, our employees need a little bit more rights. You want the best for that program. You have a director that doesn't really do their job. You report it and they use that 90-day tool. I've seen it happen a couple times. More protection for our membership.

RESOLUTION REVISING PERSONNEL MANUAL (All programs covered by the Personnel Manual are managed by the Tribal Administrator; Interpretation of the meaning of the Personnel Manual are made by the Human Resources Director and Tribal Administrator, and such interpretations shall govern and be followed; The body to which employees may grieve adverse employment actions as defined by the Personnel Manual is the “Employee Appeals Board;” Appointments to the Employee Appeals Board are recommended by the Human Resources Director and confirmed by Tribal Council.) Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Waylon Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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PERSONNEL POLICY REVISION COMMITTEE-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PERSONNEL MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Jay Littlewolf, Eugene Littlecoyote, Reginald Killnight, Jr., Denise Swank, Jordon Knows His Gun). Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debbie Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

HARDIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS-CHEYENNE LANGUAGE-SHELDON KING

Sheldon King-There's no Cheyenne History language, history, nothing. Our Cheyenne kids are being told to learn Crow. Our flag should be flown, our culture and language should be taught. At Harlem School they're teaching both Gros Ventre and Assiniboine, they set precedence. We're going to have our attorneys start working on this.

A RESOLUTION URGING HARDIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HISTORY, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN ITS CURRICULUM. Motion

made by Sheldon King. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE-BENJI HEADSWIFT

Mildred Red Cherries-Asks question in Cheyenne.

Acting President Fisher-She is asking, how will this benefit the wood vendors, will this be a tribal business.

Mildred Red Cherries-Would we have to get permission?

Benji Headswift-No, they wouldn't have to get permission, what this does is allows for those who can't go out and wood will be able to. Will help off-set the need for fuel, for people who can't go and get wood. What we are after right now is the wood that is burnt right now.

Sheldon King-Let's have Andrew say something about this now, since here is here.

Andrew Elkshoulder-We are going to utilize that, it is a business for the tribe, pellets, wood; stuff that we can sell off the reservation. Everything you see out there.

Stella Wallowing-How much is it going to cost the tribe for you to do that?

Andy Elkshoulder-Nothing. That's why it comes from the forest service.

Lori Fourhorn-The wood they have at the jail, what is it for? I asked them if we could have a small pickup load and she said no, unless there's a death in the family.

Sheldon King-It's for that and for elders. We get a lot of people that come inquiring about that too.

Stella Wallowing-Why can't the tribe have something like that for the people that are struggling?

Acting President Fisher-That's what we're trying to start up here. Having these grant opportunities, maybe we can start something like that.

Stella Wallowing-Maybe the people can have that, in case of emergencies.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (REDA) GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO FUND WIND AND SOLAR SITE ASSESSMENTS AND RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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WOOD ENERGY BUSINESS PROPOSAL-BENJI HEADSWIFT

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS) TO FUND WOOD ENERGY BUSINESS STARTUP. Motion made by Benji Headswift. 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	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		

Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
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8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANT-BENJI HEADSWIFT

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A “WORKING CAPITAL” VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANT (VAPG) PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO FUND STARTUP OF A TRIBALLY CHARTERED WOOD FUEL PRODUCTS BUSINESS. Motion made by Benji Headswift. 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	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

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PRO TEM JUDGE APPOINTMENT-ACTING PRESIDENT FISHER

Acting President Fisher-As you know, there’s been a change at the tribal court. There’s a vacancy and void there. There’s a recommendation from the associate judge. His preference was Michael Eakin as Judge Pro tem. At this point I think there might be some other recommendations.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I think that a lot of our tribal issues, should be handled by a tribal member.

Curtis Elkshoulder, Sr.-I know that there’s a lot of emotion at times in the court room. I’ve seen it. It’s difficult. I’ve seen the practices of our prosecution office. I’ve seen things taken out of context. I’ve seen complaints from other law enforcement officers, those things can be refiled. And I’ve seen our judged accept those. I creates a lot more case load. I think I can be very beneficial to help the clogged up court system. There is the separation of powers in place. The judge can’t go in there. Impartiality is part of judgeship, being fair is part of judgeship. I’m not fluent but I do understand. When it comes to court issues, Councilman Headswift wanted me to put together my resume’. It has my court bar in there, that I’m in good standing. I want to thank Councilman Eaglefeathers from Busby for nominating me. I don’t feel that I can bring all my caseload in here.

Acting President Fisher-One of the attributes of being a judge is having patience. You’re also a resident on the reservation, in addition when we had the election for the judges, both were tribal

members. This would be a pro tem judge should he be selected would also be a tribal member. We encourage our folks that are here to participate in any way they can. Thank you Curtis.

Sheldon King-The courts are like the Council too, everything should be advertised too. We sit in the same boat. The courts should ultimately be given the right.

Stella Wallowing-Why can't the people vote in another judge, just temporarily?

Acting President Fisher-Ideally, this would be the case, right now we have just one. Having a vote would take time and money here.

Debbie Charette-You're on the bar? Do you have any pending court cases?

Curtis Elkshouder, Sr.-My client is aware and I will withdraw. I don't think it's a big hurdle at all. It's just one client and he's aware of it. He does have another attorney he's utilizing.

Acting President Fisher-Sheldon made a good recommendation that this be part of advertising. It's up to the Tribal Council at this point to decide.

Stella Wallowing-It's something personal that's bothering me about the judge. I want to say it, but I don't want to start trouble.

Sheldon King-Just say it.

Stella Wallowing-We have a council man here that has a warrant for him in Crow, and it's a no bond warrant. This is a person that's supposed to represent the people. What if the people went to the judge, can't you allow the Crow cops to come here.

Acting President Fisher-That would be something that would be followed as a judge he has to follow the standards of what it is to be a judge.

Darlene Soldierwolf-I went to adjudication training, and in that training you can't be a felon.

Curtis Elkshouder, Sr.-I'm not a felon, I don't have any outstanding warrants.

Debbie Charette-Motion on the floor to table until Tuesday.

Curtis Elkshouder, Sr.-Mr. Robinson, all he has to do is sign the withdrawal.

Acting President Fisher-Precautionary note that we haven't had a vote.

MOTION MADE BY DEBRA CHARETTE TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM UNTIL MR. ELKSHOULDER RESOLVES HIS CURRENT CASE AS TRIBAL COURT. SECOND BY WAYLON ROGERS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		

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

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ELECTION ORDINANCE REVISION-WAYLON ROGERS

Read into record.

Acting President Fisher-What does that mean?

Waylon Rogers-Basically, it says, if a Councilman is removed they cannot run for three years.

Amanda Whiteshirt-If he goes to court, and he wins in the court, what kind of dilemma are you facing?

Waylon Rogers-It still stands. From what I believe it reads, if they do get convicted he can't run for three years.

Darlene Soldierwolf-This is a bunch of B.S., he's voted in twice. If you were going to do this, why did you have an election? Are you making a mockery of us?

Amanda Whiteshirt-You're setting him up for a downfall.

Waylon Rogers-This is for everyone, not just one person.

Acting President Fisher-I ask for your respect in this debate.

Darlene Soldierwolf-The people have spoken, we want Jace as our president. We didn't hear from our Constitutional Court, we want him as his President. You need to work with him. You need to work with the people and our President.

Sheldon King-Those are good words that you women are speaking. The thing is you look at that you had an individual too that didn't try to work with us. We tried, we tried to go into that office. We respect you ladies, and to be treated a different way when those doors are closed. We still tried to move forward, we still tried to get things done. Working with Conrad, it's been calm. We go back and forth and we're getting things done. We're not out to get people. You come in and say we're not working, but have you ever come to our office and say let's work on something. When we travel, we don't go, just for a vacation.

Acting President Fisher-There's difficulties, there's challenges on both sides. Sometimes that's just the nature of the beast. We're going to have conflict, and we'll try to resolve them as best as we can.

Amanda Whiteshirt-I would like to make a comment. You talk about comments on both sides, talk about transparency. We the voters need to know these things. When you feed us a crumb or two, that's when red flags come up. I don't think Jace is that way. It takes two to start a fight. I've seen you guys bully. Over time, Cowboy, when he was in here he won't even running the Council meetings. And you guys went and put forth a good effort. Both sides have to grow up. It's time to heal this tribe. It's time for you to grow up.

Lori Fourhorn-What you're proposing, this needs to go out to the people. There's elderly, young kinds, we need housing. You have to think about what you're doing today for the future of our kids. You guys have to move on, tribes are passing us up while this little circle is still fighting. Today we walked, and I want Jace in as our President because he's educated. Some people may not like him, but that's ok. Are you going to be able to speak for us?

Waylon Rogers-I have before.

Lori Fourhorn-People are looking at you guys, people are laughing at us. You need to get over this, get over it, and move on. This needs to go out to the people. There's a lot of sick, hungry people. There's people with no lights, no electricity, no wood. My husband makes \$8 per hour. When she left here, she was sad. People should be given a chance to work, at least 20 hours per week. People are going to look at you now.

Stella Wallowing-These people are putting all this stuff on Jace, if you're going to get rid of him, get rid of Dana. He has a warrant at Crow. But yet, you allow him to still sit on Council.

Amanda Whiteshirt-We all have skeletons in our closets.

Antoinette Redwoman-Councilmen, look at yourselves. A man was walking around, with two blankets, was cold and had nowhere to go. Were any of you there? I'm not going to turn my people away. We need to do something about our homeless Cheyenne's. Get along with Jace and think of the people. Put your personal feelings aside. I get so angry about how our reservation is run. I've lived off the reservation for over forty years. How many tribal members live away, but they're on FB to see what's going on. People are suffering. We want Jace as our President, he's educated and he wants true sovereignty.

Lorna Soldierwolf-With all this bickering, all over the papers. What are you going to do, if they come and take our funding for the programs? We all lose, if we lose all the money because we can't get along. What are you going to do about that? All this stuff on FB is ridiculous. It's affecting everyone on the reservation and the tribe. This isn't a solution, you should put it out to the people.

Amanda Whiteshirt-Transparency, let the people know.

Lorna Soldierwolf-Who puts out a press release without documentation? Who goes by hearsay? I want to know the truth, I want to know what's going on.

Sheldon King-You speak of the truth? Has he shown you the truth? The thing is, do we have \$15,000 to give to every tribal member? Why do you take from a tribal program to pay for your education? We do have documentation, it landed in our lap. If we do show you, and you see the wrong. Do we remove him again? How come he didn't show up for his hearing to defend himself?

Amanda Whiteshirt-Even a murderer, gets more time for preparation, it was already filed. Who suffered the most? The people.

Lorna Soldierwolf-Just like the thing with the finance department, if you're going to do it to one, do it to others.

Benji Headswift-I understand there's a lot of issues here, I'm hearing your plea to work together. That's the way I want to finish out this term myself. Those questions, are the same questions we ask ourselves. Our future is uncertain, it's always been uncertain. This fighting is bringing us to a standstill, where we beginning to break as Cheyenne's. With everything that I hear tonight, I'm still going to do my best to bring something here. Jobs, homes, those people that can't be here are in my prayers every day. We've come a long way as Cheyenne's. If our efforts aren't good enough, let's make our efforts better. We all want the same thing, this last year has been complete chaos in my mind. My stress level is crazy, because of what's the next best thing for us? What if we become a township with no economics here?

Acting President Fisher-I recommend that you take this out to the people.

Dana Eaglefeathers-When the governing body is told by the FBI that you can't publish the information. I will show you but I can't make a copy and let you take it. It is a sad deal. You are the voting members, you voted us in for change, to keep the integrity of the tribe. There was a lot of things that happened in the past couple of administrations. I had all the faith in the world in the President, I tried to work with him. The hard truth is there is definitely something wrong when the Vice President says, if he gets back in, I'm going to resign because I can't work with him. This last month the administration and us, pulled tougher and we've accomplished some things. The integrity of this tribe is important, they are looking at us. Like we can't govern our tribal government. Come to my office, I'll show you the documentation. President Killsback had that opportunity to show you guys. The way it went down was mirrored to how President Robinson was removed. Everything was identical. Black & white, we'll show you the evidence. We are trying to safe guard the integrity of this tribe. If you want to see the documentation, stop by and we'll show you.

Amanda Whiteshirt-I think the documentation would be nice but I need a copy of the minutes.

Melissa Lonebear-The minutes are caught up,

Amanda Whiteshirt-Jace did give us documentation. Transparency is what you're really lacking. When you're being secretive.

Acting President Fisher-I think the FBI investigation is strictly on the tribal courts.

Amanda Whiteshirt-What I really don't like is hearsay.

Acting President Fisher-We still don't know the whole story about what happened there.

Amanda Whiteshirt-Now, you know how we feel.

Stella Wallowing-Why did you say, if Jace gets back in, I will resign?

Acting President Fisher-The statement I made because of the conflict that's going on, I said because of the toxicity of the relationship.

Antoinette Redwoman-Speaking of documentation, there is documentation on the Secretary.

Melissa Lonebear-On what?

Antoinette -Stealing from the tribe.

Melissa Lonebear-I did not steal from the tribe. I'm tired of people saying that.

Mabel Killnight-I'm sitting here listening to everybody. We have a new year, let's start with something good. When we pray, we pray that way. Let's do something good for the people. There's nothing for our children. Let's remember those things that you said, let's remember you put your hand on the bible and said you'd work for the people. I beat cancer twice, I remember that I'm alive today, and I'm really happy. Think of your grandchildren, what legacy are you going to leave for them. Think about those things? Think about those things today. That's what I want to leave here, let's talk to each other in a good way. If you start shouting, you don't listen.

Acting President Fisher-There's been recommendations from the community. Thanks for the explanation Waylon.

Darlene Soldierwolf-This Ordinance here, this is for the next election? Are you guys going to take this out to the people?

Acting President Fisher-That would be something I agree with. It's up to the tribal council.

Waylon Rogers-I heard from my elders, we're going to table this until the next regular council meeting. We're going to take this out to the people.

MOTION MADE BY WAYLON ROGERS TO TABLE THE ELECTION ORDINANCE REVISION. SECOND BY SHELDON KING.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

INTENT TO PLAN/DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Dana Eaglefeathers-Intent to plan distribution of funds. If we go forward with the blue source. Once it goes to the Districts, to execute the revenue to the membership. A lot of the issues that are here are for food, clothing, and housing. The President’s office and Treasurer will work closely to execute this plan.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL EXPRESSING INTENT TO PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. 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	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTIONS-LEONARD ELKSHOULDER, SR.

Leonard Elkshouder, Sr.-I’ve been sitting here for 8 hours. Came at 10:00 thinking that you were going to start the meeting.

Sheldon King-I presented this, I did it for the safety of our people. We’re not ready here. The BIA stopped sending help. They backed off. What I did it for, I have family members that work in the BIA system. I hardly see my sister, because she loves her job. I don’t want her to follow their job. They enjoy working from the BIA. Not only my sister, my mom. When you’re away from family members, they pass away. I did rescind it, not out of spite. If you come back with a better plan. And we can’t afford it. For the safety of our people, we rescinded it so BIA will help us again.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The Chief of Police that they sent here temporarily. He really got involved. He really took a liking to our reservation. He was really transparent. He communicated well. There was no real plan to implement, 638ing law enforcement. Because of the 638, after its rescinded, more opportunity will come to this tribe.

Sheldon King-Let's come up with a plan, there's no real plan.

Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.-When you are a councilman, they're not going to re-elect you. I know your sister is a C.O., my wife's a cook. When you make a career in anything. If you're a real career person, you're going to go somewhere else. We were all over the country because we were dedicated. Armed services is the same thing. That's why we formed this public safety committee. The thing is, you said there's no real plan. We've been in existence for six months. BIA don't care about law enforcement or safety. We went to training. The Council can do anything, they can do away with resolutions, people, kick the President out of office. You can't kick each other out. You have the responsibility for the safety of our people. I want to make a motion to get rid of that ordinance. You gave us a wagon and a horse, then you took the horse away. Just by my experience, I don't think BIA is going to give us a second chance to contract law enforcement. We've been meeting with the office of law enforcement services. We met with the biggest community on the reservation. Lame Deer, we had a lot of good comments. You'll have a police commission that can monitor the police.

Sheldon King-It wasn't the former President that introduced this Bill, I asked to get rid of the Chief of Police and I asked to get rid of BIA Superintendent. You're not done, we didn't dissolve the committee. Did you have a budget? We appreciate your expertise and experience.

Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.-We had a meeting scheduled for January 10th. These are the positions that we were working on.

Glenn Littlebird, Sr.-They're supposed to give us an inventory. We were just not getting into that. Unless you're a victim of crime, you don't know why an officer never responded. I had to end up resolving that matter. I had to defend myself. The case is that I believe we have a good oversight. We can have a good sustainable program. When the BIA advocates for the Tribe's program. I'm really pro BIA, they were good to me. I worked for them for 22 years.

Willie Rowland-I remember when I was younger, they had all these tribal cops. Why was that taken away?

Glenn Littlebird, Sr.-One of the reasons was you. It was after I left the reservation, I really don't know.

Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.-The time it went to the Bureau, there was two policemen that got on the Council. Somebody talked them into better pay, better benefits. It takes a long time to hire a BIA officer, that's why we're shorthanded. We talked to the police chief from South Dakota, their pay is competitive with BIA. That's why I was upset that this resolution was rescinded just like that. It shot us down to zero. Right now, we're going to have to come up with a resolution authorizing us to continue to negotiate. We can't call BIA. They're going to say you have to have a resolution to talk to us.

Glenn Littlebird, Sr.-I worked for the Chief Prosecutor, there was a lot of people that came about their civil rights being violated. I think it's a point that we look at anyway. As a police officer, you can't start being vindictive and being personal. I'm concerned about this matter too. I really enjoyed working for the Tribe. I transferred all over. That's how a BIA police officer has to think. Hopefully, we can work together so we can try to get this done.

Sheldon King-You still have a committee.

Benji Headswift-I still like that idea, pursuing that. What if we don't get a good Chief of Police here? I would still like to have a game plan in place.

Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.-I appreciate the Council saying you can go ahead and work on this. I feel really guilty of not having a resolution and working. I've never been on the Council, you work without anything, for money.

Sheldon King-It's still there. There's a lot of projects that we're doing along with my colleagues. We didn't get rid of the committee. We didn't take away your committee. That's all we're asking for.

Conrad Fisher-What he wants to know, is are they still a committee by resolution.

Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.-All I'm addressing is the resolution to negotiate.

Sheldon King-When transportation went into negotiation they didn't have a resolution. We're still here to support you. We did it, because the Chief of Police was chasing away police officers. He was arrogant. One day it's going to happen.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I think the meeting with the attorneys is still going to happen. These are issues that pertain to that meeting. We didn't do away with it. Let's sit down with the attorneys and come up with a plan. I think we should save it for the meeting on the 10th.

Antoinette Redwoman-What I'm hearing Leonard say is they need authorization to communicate with the BIA.

Benji Headswift-He wants the committee to have the same powers as the Council, President, he's saying when we rescinded the resolution we took that power away. What we can do on Wednesday is reintroduce it for them, to do a feasibility to what it would cost to take over something of that magnitude. The man hours are something different.

Debbie Charette-What we passed was the letter of intent, we were supposed to get back is the cost of the manpower, cost to take over the jail.

Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.-I'll consult with Brian. I'm sure he'll have the same questions that I have.

AGENDA ADDITION-DISSOLVE TONGUE RIVER LUMBER COMPANY BOARD.

Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debbie Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF DISSOLUTION OF TONGUE RIVER LUMBER COMPANY (all records of TRLC shall be turned over to the Tribal Council; and all funds of TRLC shall be transferred to the Tribe's Finance Department). Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debbie Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:


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

Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
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Adjourned @ 7:22 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 1 abstention this 12th day of February 2018.


Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe