

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

SPECIAL SESSION

MINUTES

February 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

INVOCATION: N/A

Debra Charette: So, is it just Council and the President, or does John (Robinson) get to be here too?

Donna Fisher: It's a Council meeting.

Serena Wetherelt: What was the question?

Debra Charette: Does John need to be here too?

Serena Wetherelt: No, he doesn't need to be here—it's a Council meeting.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Phillip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President *Presided over today's meeting	X		
Donna Fisher, President *Present, but vote pertains to her—individual was unable to vote; she verbally delegated VP to preside over meeting			
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
Total:	11		

Quorum Established

Serena Wetherelt: I now open the meeting for a vote.

Norma Gourneau: Madame Vice President, today we spent the day having a hearing on the Complaint that you submitted to the Tribal Council, and your request was to remove the President. That is the question that we should be voting on. We heard everybody and we should move forward with the actual action that the Tribal Council needs to take. So, to get this thing moving and to get it on the floor, I make a motion that we accept the Complaint on the President and do what she has requested, and that is to remove the President. My motion is that we have a vote and that is to remove the President, based on the Complaint that was submitted by the Vice President.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman		X		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President *No vote, VP is presiding over meeting				
Melissa Fisher		X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	2 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Donna Fisher exited session @ 4:10 p.m.

Phillip Beckman: I motion to adjourn.

Lane Spotted Elk: I think there's some more business we need to attend to.

Nizhoni Friesz: Do you withdraw your motion, Phillip?

Phillip Beckman: Yeah.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
CONCURRING IN THE RESULTS OF A REMOVAL HEARING AGAINST DONNA FISHER AS PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND
DECLARING THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT VACANT**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman		X		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President *No vote, VP is presiding over meeting				
Melissa Fisher		X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	2 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
APPOINTING SERENA WETHERELT AS ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE
NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE**

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President *No vote, VP is presiding over meeting				
Melissa Fisher		X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

9 votes Yes	1 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Norma Gourneau: I'm not sure how you want to handle this one.

Melissa Fisher: I don't think you appoint anybody as Acting Vice President.

Serena Wetherelt: I think we need to get some legal advice first.

Melissa Fisher: You don't appoint anyone as Acting Vice President.

Phillip Beckman: Maybe get Brian or someone to get a legal take on it.

Serena Wetherelt: We might want to get a second opinion on this one.

Norma Gourneau: You mean we don't appoint Serena as Acting President?

Melissa Fisher: No, you don't put anybody as Vice President. You need to get legal advice on that, because you don't.

Norma Gourneau: My opinion is that there's so much work, you need help. But anyway, we'll go through the next one. Authorizing official signatures for the Northern Cheyenne checking account.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL SIGNATORIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE
TRIBAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS**

Phillip Beckman: Should we have tabled that last resolution?

Debra Charette: No, it's not an active one.

Norma Gourneau: This one...there's two members that we already authorized signatories...

Melissa Fisher: Well, it's probably taking Donna off. That's what you guys are doing. This one, you're taking Donna off of it.

Phillip Beckman: Right.

Debra Charette: Yeah.

Norma Gourneau: So, it would just be five?

Nizhoni Friesz: I would just like to note that Kristi Harris has changed her last name to Kristi Killsnight.

Lane Spotted Elk: I'll make my motion to include those changes.

Henry Speelman: Lane, also "Tribal Checking Account" at top, needs to be corrected.

Melissa Fisher: There's a typo on top.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay.

Debra Charette: I second it.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President *No vote, VP is presiding over meeting				
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Melissa Fisher: Where's the resolution setting the date for the Election?

Norma Gourneau: So, the way I see it is we authorize an election and it's going to be whatever the Election Ordinance says. But I do know that in the Constitution that we have to do it within 90 days. So, we have to do a resolution with the actual election date, is that correct?

Debra Charette: Yeah.

Lane Spotted Elk: On the 7th? And yeah, Clerks and Judges.

Melissa Fisher: When?

Debra Charette: At our next Council meeting.

Melissa Fisher: Oh.

Lane Spotted Elk: Monday. Yeah.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:


	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			

Serena Wetherelt, Vice President *No vote, VP is presiding over meeting				
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 4:20 P.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 9 votes for passage and adoption, 1 vote against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 7th day of February 2022.



Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe