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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

January 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

INVOCATION: Tribal Secretary Nizhoni Friesz

ROLL CALL:

19.34T A	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X	Q	
Eva Foote	X		
Phillip Beckman	X	Table 1	
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X	1.00	
Donna Fisher, President	X	1	
Melissa Fisher	X	A -	
Diane Spotted Elk *Briefly stepped out, returned to meeting at 10:01 a.m.	X	引力	
Gwen Talawyma *On sick leave*		17 T 18	X
Silver Little Eagle	X	-01/10 ST	
Henry Speelman	X	With the	
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Quorum Established

Henry Speelman: President Fisher wants to ADD ON: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING ONE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER AND ONE NORTHERN CHEYENNE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEMBER: MELISSA FISHER (PRIMARY) AND LAFE HAUGEN (ALTERNATE), TO SERVE AS THE TRIBE'S REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MONTANA STATE TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	<u>ABSENT</u>
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X	·		

Eva Foote	X		
Phillip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk *Briefly absent during vote*			X
Gwen Talawyma			X
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Henry Speelman	X		

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Henry Speelman: Vice President, did you have one to add on?

ADD ON: A RESOLUTION URGING SUBSTANTIVE AND MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION WITH THE TRIBES DESCENDING FROM THE SAND CREEK MASSACRE ABOUT THE PROPOSED XCEL TRANSMISSION LINE NEAR THE MASSACRE SITE

Motion made by Serena Wetherelt. Second by Melissa Fisher.

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	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk *Briefly absent during vote*				X
Gwen Talawyma				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried

Diane Spotted Elk entered session @ 10:01 a.m.

Lane Spotted Elk: I have an add on for Audit Services and Comptroller, Professional Services for REDW. So, it's a 2-year contract.

ADD ON: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR REDW FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING, AUDIT PREPARATION SERVICES FOR FY 2019 & FY 2020 AUDITS

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Henry Speelman.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X		,	
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	i			X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes 0	votes No 0 A	bstentions Mc	otion Carried
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry Speelman: Next agenda meeting will be on January 13th.

ELDERLY UPDATE

Silver Little Eagle: So, we're beginning the renovation process of the elderly program's kitchen. We got the quotes in, so we're just beginning the process of that. We want to do the bigger kitchen set and convection oven and storage area for them.

Debra Charette: So those things are being taken care of down there?

Silver Little Eagle: Yes.

Melissa Fisher: And is Head start still serving meals?

Silver Little Eagle: They said they can serve this week, but they chose to make pulled sandwiches today, I guess. But they know they're able to serve this week and next week.

Debra Charette: Yeah, we should get a hold of Roberta, because we called her last week. Since the two head starts are not being used down by the clinic, we asked if we could use their kitchen and then they could have their drive-up. So, maybe you want to get with her and make sure we can get that all figured out.

Silver Little Eagle: I will let her know, but I think it was just a personal choice today.

Debra Charette: Yeah. No, they were going to do it for the next few days.

Donna Fisher: So, I have an update just for the council.

President Fisher proceeded to update the council on a program issue.

BUDGETS

Lane Spotted Elk: I think Philinga and William are going to talk about justifications.

Donna Fisher: Justifications?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, with those budgets because none of them have it.

Donna Fisher: So, whenever...is that what the comptroller helps provide? The justification, when they start spending? Yeah, because I called Alicia and I was getting the low down from the AOTR about all of that ARPA stuff. And that's why I sent out that other paperwork.

Debra Charette: Well, we got that paperwork, but they're not incorporating it into their justification in their budget and that's what we're finding.

Donna Fisher: Yeah, we sent it to them. We sent it to the program directors so that they are aware of it. And then we're just holding them accountable to do their own budgets. It's something they haven't done.

Henry Speelman: Okay, Madame President, we'd like to move Budgets to the end.

Melissa Fisher: Are budgets getting moved down?

Donna Fisher: Yeah.

DISTRICTS

No updates at this time.

MINUTES

MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
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

Melissa Fisher: The Childcare one, we need to meet with Land Authority first. So, I'd like to table that one.

MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM #5 CHILDCARE FACILITY

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
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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A RESOLUTION NOMINATING TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE TO TONGUE RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle.

Melissa Fisher: I think that someone else should make the motion because she is the nominee.

Lane Spotted Elk: Councilwoman Little Eagle, you'll need to withdraw your motion if you agree with that.

Silver Little Eagle: I withdraw my motion.

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X		_	
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			

Gwen Talawyma			X
Silver Little Eagle		X	
Henry Speelman	X		

	9 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH GREAT NORTHERN PROPERTIES AND SIGNAL PEAK ENERGY RE SALE OF OFF-RESERVATION COAL

Norma Gourneau: Good morning President, Vice President, colleagues. I'd like to present a resolution.

Diane Spotted Elk: I think it needs to be explained that this is off the reservation and the location of Bull Mountain and East Fork. Just for clarification.

Norma Gourneau: Yes, this is off the reservation and Bull Mountain is located over by Roundup, Montana.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Lane Spotted Elk.

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	X			
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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A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AND ASSOCIATED ISDEAA CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Debra Charette.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			

Norma Gourneau	X	
Eva Foote	X	
Phillip Beckman	X	
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X	
Melissa Fisher	X	
Diane Spotted Elk	X	
Gwen Talawyma		X
Silver Little Eagle	X	
Henry Speelman	X	

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Henry Speelman: Next is Agenda Item #9 - Clarification on DOI - 001 (2022)

Norma Gourneau: President, Vice President, colleagues, this resolution has to do with the selection of the board and if the Tribal President would like to go into Executive Session on this issue, I'm okay with that.

Donna Fisher: Yes, I would like to.

Norma Gourneau: I call for Executive Session.

Council goes into Executive Session @ 10:23 a.m. Council exits Executive Session and enters Regular Session @ 10:38 a.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ADVERTISE AND SELL THE RICHARD SPRINGS SALVAGE LOGGING UNIT ON THE OPEN MARKET

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Phillip Beckman.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X	_		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
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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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS INTEREST IN AND APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND BUYBACK PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL NATIONS AT THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION

Norma Gourneau: Madame President, if you're not going to present it, I'll present it.

Donna Fisher: You can present it.

Norma Gourneau: The Tribe has been involved in the Land Buy Back program two previous times and because the program had additional funding, they've selected other tribes to do a third round of the land buy back program. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe has been fortunate to be one of those selected to be part of this land buy back program. It should be starting, from what I understand, sometime this month. But we need to approve a resolution authorizing us to participate in this third round.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Melissa Fisher.

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	X			
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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Norma Gourneau: Thank you.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START PROGRAM

Donna Fisher: There's a parent policy council. And did you guys read that head start is exempt from vaccinations, did you guys read that?

Melissa Fisher: In another state or this state?

Donna Fisher: They're federal programs. It says Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho.

Lane Spotted Elk: I'll present the Head Start Policies & Procedures.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Norma Gourneau.

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	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

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APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE/INDIGENIZED ENERGY INITIATIVE RE WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

Silver Little Eagle: Okay, I'm presenting for Kyle Alderman.

Melissa Fisher: Was the contract already reviewed by Brian?

Donna Fisher: Yeah, I'm pretty sure.

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. Second by Diane Spotted Elk.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			:
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma				X

Silver Little Eagle	X		
Henry Speelman	X		

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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING ONE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER AND ONE NORTHERN CHEYENNE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEMBER: MELISSA FISHER (PRIMARY) AND LAFE HAUGEN (ALTERNATE), TO SERVE AS THE TRIBE'S REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MONTANA STATE TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion made by Diane Spotted Elk. 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	X			
Melissa Fisher			X	
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

		9 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION URGING SUBSTANTIVE AND MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION WITH THE TRIBES DESCENDING FROM THE SAND CREEK MASSACRE ABOUT THE PROPOSED XCEL TRANSMISSION LINE NEAR THE MASSACRE SITE Motion made by Diane Spotted Elk. Second by Melissa Fisher.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma				X

Silver Little Eagle	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR REDW FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING, AUDIT PREPARATION SERVICES FOR FY 2019 & FY 2020 AUDITS

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, Madame Vice President, colleagues on the Tribal Council, I'd like to make a motion to approve a resolution for Audit Prep Services for REDW to provide professional Audit Prep Services for FY 2019 and 2020 Audits. The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is required to retain professional audit prep services to complete required audits. A scope of services has been developed between REDW and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and that because of the specialized services that the Tribal Council is going to sole source for this contract. Just because of the timeliness of the audit. So, the contract is not to exceed \$60,000 and it authorizes the President to sign the contract that has been provided by REDW. This is a professional service for the Tribe to get caught up on our audits.

Melissa Fisher: Do you have the resolution?

Lane Spotted Elk: It's being developed now. I know we had sent around that Scope of Services from REDW for audit prep. So, we actually received our 2019 audit draft last week. So, that's being reviewed now. And hopefully we'll have that submitted to the clearinghouse here, I want to say, in a few days. But this REDW is going to assist the Tribe in getting those entries done for 2019 and 2020 and get us back on track for our audits.

Norma Gourneau: I have a question. If the 2019 audit is already done, why are we paying for services for audit prep for 2019?

Lane Spotted Elk: So, there's some final entries that we still need to do for 19 as part of that draft.

Norma Gourneau: And that's to finalize the audit in 2019. Okay.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yes, that's my understanding. Actually, I just want to make an amendment to the resolution that is forthcoming, that to ensure that the consultant firm is TERO certified and that they pay their TERO fees. I just want to make sure that's in the resolution.

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

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X	!		

Eva Foote	X	
Phillip Beckman	X	
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X	
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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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

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

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	X			
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 @ 11:07 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 3rd day of January 2022.

Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary Northern Cheyenne Tribe