

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

RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES
June 8, 2022**

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

INVOCATION: Serena Wetherelt

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau *On travel			X
Eva Foote	X		
Phillip Beckman *Out sick			X
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
Total:	9		2

Quorum Established

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, colleagues on the Tribal Council, I would like to present a series of five budget revision resolutions. We'll begin with the budget resolution that has Fund 050 and 850A.

LINDA BAHR ENTERED AND EXITED SESSION @ 10:04 A.M.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN
BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. 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
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. 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
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

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Melissa Fisher: I'd like a motion to add on for passage, the resolution: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2022 TRIBAL TOURISM ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION'S INDIAN COUNTRY.**

Nizhoni Friesz: And we have two other add-ons, should we do those individually or together? There's also the Ordinance for Supervisory Authority and Signatories on Checking Accounts.

Melissa Fisher: Yeah, I'll add that to my motion, and also, the Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance DOI-013 (2018) Supervisory Authority over the Tribal Secretary and Treasurer. I'll add those three.

Debra Charette: You want to add them on as add-ons together?

Melissa Fisher: Well, she said we could do it in just one motion.

Lane Spotted Elk: You need to separate them.

Nizhoni Friesz: Okay.

Melissa Fisher: Okay, well that first one is my motion to add on.

ADD ON: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2022 TRIBAL TOURISM ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION'S INDIAN COUNTRY

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Silver Little Eagle.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Lane Spotted Elk: So, that would be #8?

Melissa Fisher: Yeah. And then #9, I'll make the motion to add on the Signatory Change.

Lane Spotted Elk: Oh, I was going to do that one as part of the Budgets. I have three budgets left.

Melissa Fisher: Oh, you were taking a breath and then I interrupted you [laughter]. I'm sorry, I'll make the motion to add on: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL RESCINDING IN ITS ENTIRETY ORDINANCE NO. DOI-013 (2018) ENTITLED: TRIBAL COUNCIL DELEGATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY OVER THE TRIBAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER.** That's just to add it on.

Lane Spotted Elk: Are you presenting this, Madame President?

Serena Wetherelt: Yes, I am.

Lane Spotted Elk: Would you like to have a discussion with the Council before the vote?

Serena Wetherelt: Sure, same time when we do the Lease. We'd like to have an informational meeting before we also do the Lease for NCDC. So, are we going to add it on, or do we just want to discuss it?

Eva Foote: I'll second it. Can we discuss first?

Diane Spotted Elk: Can we have a discussion first?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, I asked for a discussion.

Melissa Fisher: So, you withdraw your motion?

Serena Wetherelt: Well, if we discuss to do it, it's got to be on the agenda, too. She was adding on.

Melissa Fisher: I was just adding on.

Diane Spotted Elk: We're not voting on it.

Serena Wetherelt: We're going to discuss it first.

Nizhoni Friesz: Should I keep going then, with the votes? To add on?

Melissa Fisher: We'll just add it on. Then when we get to it, we'll discuss it, right?

Serena Wetherelt: Right.

Nizhoni Friesz: Okay.

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

6 votes Yes	2 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Serena Wetherelt: So, we're not going to discuss this yet, huh?

Melissa Fisher: It will be added to the bottom, and then we'll discuss it.

Lane Spotted Elk: I guess it's for discussion only. Was that your motion?

Melissa Fisher: It was just to add it.

Diane Spotted Elk: To open up a discussion.

Lane Spotted Elk: Oh, okay. I think we need about a whole day to discuss it. If we've got the time, we can stay here and talk about it. There's a lot going on.

Diane Spotted Elk: There is a lot going on.

Lane Spotted Elk: We just got done with auditing this morning and I don't know if William filled you in on it.

Serena Wetherelt: He did a little bit.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, there's a lot going on.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL UPDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED TRIBAL OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ACCOUNTS

Lane Spotted Elk: [Reads resolution] with the addition of "Interim Treasurer, Kristi Killnight," if you can make that addition, Nizhoni.

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING A BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES UNDER ARPA

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. 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
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 AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL SIGNATORIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Lane Spotted Elk: And there’s another resolution, it’s for authorizing signatories on all our checking accounts. To make that change to remove Keene Bends, who is no longer the Tribal Treasurer. It’s keeping all of the signatories the same, it’s just Kyla who is added.

Nizhoni Friesz: And I can do a new Account Agreement, too. Removing his name, with all of the First Interstate accounts, once we pass this.

Melissa Fisher: So, Kyla will go where Kristi is and Kristi will go where Treasurer is?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, interim.

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

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NIZHONI FRIESZ EXITED SESSION @ 10:25 A.M.

NIZHONI FRIESZ AND WALLACE BEARCHUM ENTERED SESSION @ 10:27 A.M.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF SIXTY-THREE (63) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR FIVE (5) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR ONE (1) TRIBAL MEMBER ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Wallace Bearchum: I've got one quick question. We need to approve that design of that Tribal card, the new card. I don't know if you want the committee, or Council, or us, how you want to do that.

Melissa Fisher: We approved it at the committee level, so now we can pass the resolution to approve that. And I passed out the copy of the draft already in the Council meeting when we came back from that conference. We can email it out. But yeah, it was approved at the committee level. So, we'll draft a resolution and add it to next week.

Wallace Bearchum: Okay, thank you.

WALLACE BEARCHUM EXITED SESSION @ 10:33 A.M.

MINUTES

MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2022 RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Silver Little Eagle.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman				X
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			

Henry Speelman	X			
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8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE FOOD PANTRY

Serena Wetherelt: Okay, we have a lease that was done by our Attorney Brian, and I had asked Lafe if he could do me a Scope of Work and a new narrative on their walk through. And I wanted that to be included with the lease. So, he sent me a letter and I think every one of you should have, it should be in your packet. He did a Scope of Work and Lane and Emma came to speak to me about it. She had some changes on the Scope of Work, because she said there were some things that needed to be included. So, they're at the end in the Miscellaneous section, she wanted to have fire extinguishers installed, an escape route plan in each office, exit signage, emergency lighting, and trash bin will be set for duration of lease. So, I don't know if you guys got the Scope of Work from before this, but those were the ones that were on there. So, Lane wanted to have a discussion and I thought it would be a good idea to have a discussion on everything that's in the lease and Scope of Work. Did you want me to read the lease, or did you have any questions? They want \$36,000 a month for rental of \$10/square foot per month for 3,600 square feet of commercial space, for a total amount of \$360,000 [reads letter].

DEBRA CHARETTE EXITED SESSION @ 10:39 A.M.

Diane Spotted Elk: So, this Scope of Work dated May 2, 2022, these things have been fulfilled, they've been done? Or they need to be done?

Serena Wetherelt: They need to be done, after the lease is approved. Because they don't have the money to be approved. How are they going to pay them, monthly or a big check?

Lane Spotted Elk: In advance, yeah. I had a meeting with Keene and he researched and found it was allowable. And I think that's what NCDC prefers.

Serena Wetherelt: For the whole thing? Because we're going to have a break here in the fiscal years. So, it should be from when we started to the end of the fiscal year. And then from the new fiscal year until the year ends.

Melissa Fisher: I have another question, how is this program going to sustain itself, soon?

Lane Spotted Elk: Well, that's why Emma kind of has a plan to fundraise and has already established a relationship with Center Pole. From now on, Center Pole is going to be providing support to the Food Pantry. So, I really wish we could all visit with her to see. And I think she briefed some of us yesterday.

DEBRA CHARETTE RE-ENTERED SESSION @ 10:43 A.M.

Diane Spotted Elk: So, she's already made connections with other...the Food Bank in Billings and Center Pole, so there's already a working relationship that's been established and they're on board. They just want to help our community and bring the food in.

Melissa Fisher: Yeah, well I'm not meaning with the food, I'm meaning with, there are grants out there that they could reach out for. Are we still looking at building a building?

Lane Spotted Elk: I hope so. Yeah, and I don't know if you were there at the NCDC meeting, but we said we wanted this to be a temporary solution because we still want the Tribe to think about a more permanent building/structure.

Diane Spotted Elk: So, why aren't we moving on the building?

Melissa Fisher: Because we're going to pay all this money over here, and then pay for a building to be built. So, I mean, and then also looking at how they're going to become a self-sustaining program.

Lane Spotted Elk: And that's for the fifth whereas, that's why he put that in there because exactly what you're saying, "in an effort for the Northern Cheyenne Food Pantry to be an eventual self-sustaining entity, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizes the staff to fundraise, apply for grants, seek out funding opportunities, and engage in other activities to acquire food, supplies, and water." I think that's exactly where you're getting at.

Melissa Fisher: But I mean I think I'm just trying to get at, we have that project where we pay all this money for them to be in this building and then we're going to still...so are we using money that was set aside for that building, we're going to use it to pay for them to be there? Is that what we're using the funding that's available, for the new building?

Lane Spotted Elk: No, I think that's part of our overall budget. That's the infrastructure one.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, and the contract that has increased also for the building, I think it went from \$14 to \$16, because of the cost of supplies. So, we'll probably need to put more money into that building. But I see where you're coming from, too, because I kind of thought about it. We could do a pull barn with the money that we're going to be paying out. Those were some thoughts that I had, too, but we're all here and all need to discuss this and see what is the best interest.

Debra Charette: And I guess it was done now because we did have the need. So, they can get started.

Serena Wetherelt: If we can make a decision today, if it's only going to be for one year...I mean 10 months. They've already been there for two months. But we do need to start going on that Food bank. We really need to get it going, we shouldn't stall on it anymore. Because that really is the best thing that we're doing for our people.

Eva Foote: We could also use that after that transition.

Lane Spotted Elk: And I think that's what NCDC wants to do, they want to get it to a usable state. And I think this would be a win-win for the Tribe and for NCDC. Because they don't have the funding to do what they want to do.

Diane Spotted Elk: Why don't they?

Lane Spotted Elk: And I think that's why they need some support.

Serena Wetherelt: I guess I don't understand, do they need to fundraise too, to get grants and to build up their NCDC? Because he told me this, he said, "If we don't lease this out, then we're going to have to come begging for money from the Tribe." That's what he told me.

Debra Charette: They have all the capability of fundraising, but they have to start just like the rest, with an audit. And get all of that in place. And we haven't had our yearly report from them either. So, and the same with some of the other programs. We haven't had our yearly report, and we have yet to see any of them come in. Or have them do their audits. We have audits for the Casino.

Serena Wetherelt: And I don't think they've ever had one—NCDC.

Debra Charette: So that's something they need to work on.

Diane Spotted Elk: They have given us a report, not a full report. I remember when Clayton came. And we gave them plenty of time to get that stuff together and return with everything, and they never have.

Debra Charette: Because years ago, they did bring in auditors, but when they got done seeing how the books were done, whoever we had put in there as the Director at that time, they brought in auditors. But when they went to look at everything, there was nothing. So, they started having to set it up, I guess.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, when I worked there, when I left, it was audit ready for the Depots. Because we worked for the Depots. But the rest of NCDC, they, I'm not sure. But that one was ready to be audited. So, I don't know how...

Lane Spotted Elk: I think essentially it will give them a jump start because the Board we have in there now, I think they're really motivated to have encountered something like this from the Tribe to help their efforts, and if you look at the seventh whereas, it is a temporary structure while a more permanent structure is designed and constructed. So, if this is something to be agreed upon, the language is here to show that we need to keep ourselves in order. Just like Melissa was talking about, we can do a permanent structure. But if we pass this as is, this would essentially say that this is temporary and a more permanent structure will be designed and constructed. I think we can all agree it needs to be done.

Serena Wetherelt: Yes, it does.

Lane Spotted Elk: When they have these issue days, the line goes clear back to Westside. So, it really shows that there's a need in the community.

Diane Spotted Elk: And with the cost of everything today.

Lane Spotted Elk: And we don't have that many locations to choose from, and that's why when we approached NCDC about it, we approached it from the perspective of a mutual partnership, that building will be used in a good way to provide a service to the community.

Melissa Fisher: I think it's good, I support it. We just need to make sure that what Emma's requesting in the Scope of Work is followed through on, like making sure things are getting done down there, and the upgrades and cleaning and everything that needs to be done in the Scope of Work.

Lane Spotted Elk: We could add a sentence in the Therefore be it Resolved section, that directs the Tribal President with the assistance of the tribal attorneys to take all actions to establish the Northern Cheyenne Food Pantry and to execute the rental lease agreement with the attached Scope of Work being executed and completed in a timely manner." But that would give the Tribal President the authority to...

Debra Charette: And I think that would give us the piece of mind that it's getting done.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, initially that wasn't going to be a part of this. But I wanted it to be because I wanted it in writing so that we can always go back and we have a document that we're going to stand with.

Debra Charette: That's just like what I said this morning, when we do things in a haste and we're coming back to correct it.

Melissa Fisher: Well, they could be applying for grants and they're going to come and do a walk through, she's going to need all of that. Everything needs to be in place, otherwise it's going to be a ding on her part.

Lane Spotted Elk: The Montana Food Bank was here and that's how those last things were added on the Scope of Work.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, those are the things that they would be auditing her on.

Debra Charette: And I think it would be big enough for it.

Diane Spotted Elk: And ten months is a very short time, and so we really need to get moving on this building.

Lane Spotted Elk: And we could add a Whereas in between the seventh Whereas, "to ensure the Scope of Work is followed in a timely manner." What we could also say too is that the Food Pantry Committee...

Melissa Fisher: I think it would be a Steering Committee, because they work with the food pantry staff, but also that's the Tribe giving us authority to go out and get that stuff with USDA and

anything that's available. And working with a grant writer, get all of that stuff done. I think it would be good to have a Steering Committee.

Lane Spotted Elk: And there's a lot of funding with this, once we get ourselves in order to prove that. I just want to make sure everyone's comfortable.

Diane Spotted Elk: I'm comfortable with this, I just want the lease, the ground broke, start something.

Debra Charette: Like I said when they came in, we voted on it, I know we have this other thing sitting there and if you guys are all agreeable, go take a look at it, it might be worth it. But we came back and they went to look at the site. If this will meet our needs...

Diane Spotted Elk: It's going to be provided for two programs.

Debra Charette: And we just need to rescind the other one and so, we didn't hear that, that's why it has to come back up again.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, for the temporary food pantry location. I think this will suffice and get both parties to complete the Scopes of Work and allow us to serve the community. With the additional language, Scope of Work is followed in a timely manner.

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REVOCATION OF RESERVE STATUS OF LAND ON NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LAND FOR TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT RESERVE STATUS LANDS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE RECONTRACTING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS FROM THE
DOI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Lane Spotted Elk: I think we forgot our newest program, Criminal Investigations.

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A MOTION TO APPROVE NORMA GOURNEAU AS BOARD MEMBER FOR THE BIG
SKY PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD**

Henry Speelman: In this next one, Big Sky Rail, they reached out to see if Northern Cheyenne had decided on an appointee for their Board. Councilwoman Norma Gourneau showed interest.

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2022 TRIBAL TOURISM ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION’S INDIAN COUNTRY

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Melissa Fisher: There was one that’s no longer on, that we need to add on. And it’s the Resolution for the Broadband Consultant Services.

Serena Wetherelt: That one’s tabled.

Melissa Fisher: Oh, okay. Nevermind.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL RESCINDING IN ITS ENTIRETY
ORDINANCE NO. DOI-013 (2018) ENTITLED: TRIBAL COUNCIL DELEGATION OF
CERTAIN AUTHORITY OVER THE TRIBAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

Serena Wetherelt: Okay, this has gone before you guys before, and there were some changes that needed to be made. So, that change was made. The last Whereas on the old one was put into "Therefore Be It Ordained." I know this is kind of controversial, but I feel that it should be a part...there's a part in there that says the Tribal Council, it says they are instrumental with the Tribal Council. But on Article XI, the Separation of Powers, it says the Executive Branch shall consist of the Tribal President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. And all administrative agencies, departments, and instrumentalities of the Executive Branch. And on the first section of the Bylaws, it says the President may, if he desires, preside over all meetings over the Tribal Council, with advice and consent of the Tribal Council, appoint delegates, representatives, committees, or other officers as are deemed proper from time to time. He shall have power to fill all vacancies not otherwise provided for in this Constitution and Bylaws that may occur when the Tribal Council is not in session and he shall submit the names of such appointees at the following session. It shall be his duty to convene the Tribal Council for extra sessions. It shall be his duty to see that all enactments, orders, and resolutions are followed properly and executed. He shall have the further right of conferring with any Federal or state official on any matters that affect the welfare of the Tribe. And he shall also have the further right to confer with several district councils. So, according to the Constitution, the Secretary and the Treasurer should be with the Executive Branch. I don't know if we're violating it by having a resolution that directs it to be under the Council. And I just got a copy of this letter today. It says, "Dear Miss Killnight, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is pleased to appoint you as the Interim Treasurer for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe's Constitution Article I, Section IV says, "The Tribal Council Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys that come under the jurisdiction or control of the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne. He shall pay out money in accordance with the orders and resolutions of the Council. He shall keep accounts of all receipts and disbursements and shall make written reports of same to the Tribal Council at each regular and special meeting." Nowhere on here does it say that they work with the Administration. They have to because I'm the contracting officer for the Tribe. And nowhere on this letter does it say that they also work with the President of the Tribe. So, it's like, we need to share. We need to share this with the Secretary and the Treasurer. Because I have to work with them, too. It's almost like, it's one-sided here.

Diane Spotted Elk: I don't think it was intentional. I think we were just kind of in a haste in filling that position. It surely was not intentional to leave you out. We know you need to work with them, so that can be added. And maybe we need to apologize to you for not having it in there. But it really was not intentional.

Lane Spotted Elk: And we're going through our audit right now and we spent about an hour talking about it this morning, with our comptrollers and auditors. Hearing exactly what's going on and the Tribe is behind on audits, and we're trying to get caught up.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, it's important to me, too. Today we got a notice about our '21 audit being defaulted. So, I really know that our auditors are working hard and they're trying to get us back on

track. I didn't get a full account of your meeting this morning from William, but I know they are trying. He didn't say anything about what was needed or what's going on. But I'm sure he'll brief me some more. Anyway, so I'm thinking on this Ordinance, that as far as the Constitution reads, those two are supposed to be under the Executive Branch. Unless there's somehow that we're going to change it. I'm excluded from this, and I should be a part of this.

Lane Spotted Elk: And that letter, it needed to be done, we needed some kind of continuity in our finance department.

Madame President and Tribal Council continued their discussion on this Ordinance.

Motion made by Diane Spotted Elk. 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
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman		X		
<i>Serena Wetherelt *Breaks tie vote in this vote</i>	X			

(4 votes Yes) 5 votes Yes with President's Vote	4 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Melissa Fisher: The President breaks the tie. When there's a tie, then the President breaks the tie.

Serena Wetherelt: Well, I vote "yes."

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

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

Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

7 votes Yes	1 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:18 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 21st day of June 2022.



Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe