

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

January 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

INVOCATION: Eva Foote

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear		X	X
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse *arrived @ 11:06 a.m.		X	
Melissa Fisher *arrived @ 10:44 a.m.		X	
Total:	9	3	1

Quorum Established

ELDERLY

No updates at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

MOTION TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM.

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			

Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse				X
Melissa Fisher				X

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Little Eagle: I would like to make a motion to add on an agenda item. A resolution authorizing submission of grant proposals to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Is that your motion?

Councilwoman Little Eagle: Yes.

Councilwoman Charette: Is that what you handed to us?

Councilwoman Little Eagle: Yes

Councilwoman Charette: I'll second it.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse				X
Melissa Fisher				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 THIRTY-EIGHT (38) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Norma Gourneau

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse				X
Melissa Fisher				X

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, WITH CORRECTIONS, FROM THE REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2023

Motion made by Nizhoni Friesz. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse				X
Melissa Fisher				X

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF SUWANNE RIVER CONSTRUCTION, LLC TO BEGIN RENOVATIONS WITH ONE HALF DOWN PAYMENT AT ROSEBUD LODGE

EMERGENCY SHELTER WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse				X
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Charette: Bring in Lane too because they are asking for half down. I have Lane and Renessa also coming.

President Wetherelt: Ok. Torrey, do you want to get the door. I think someone was trying to come in. Are they coming?

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Can we go ahead with what they are planning? I would like to hear what your plans are for Rosebud Lodge.

Evelyn Roundstone: The reason I submitted this resolution was because Suwanne River applied for or put in for the bid process and we awarded them the bid because they were the only ones that put in for it. The financial part is alright because there's budgeted in there \$79,000.00 and his is only like around \$60,000.00. So, there is still some left in case there's other things that come up. Swanne River came and did their walk through. He came and measured and talked about. I gave him my ideas on what I wanted done with the facility. The facility was built in the 80's and it was built as a, I think an adult detox or something like that. It's really a nice building but over the years the bathrooms have kind of, are starting to fall apart now. I wanted them changed and I wanted them to like, the upstairs bathrooms, the ones the children use the most. I wanted to change them so they are more accommodating for them. Such as child size sinks. You know that kind of thing. A different kind of storage space for them because they are temporary so they need a different kind of storage space. Our closets need to be redone. There is a big wall that separates the living room from part of the bathroom. I wanted that wall either removed or half sized so that we can see down that hallway a little bit better and so that there's more light down there. The bathroom, the child's bathroom that's back there, I wanted that one completely

renovated to child size. And also, the door changed because the way the door is, it just doesn't fit the building. There needs to be a rail put up because we have a sunken floor. So, for safety, we just need a rail that blocks that off because it's really a nice play area it's just not safe for babies. The outside, there's a big water cooler thing on top of the roof and that needs to be removed because it's ancient and out of date; doesn't work; hasn't been used for years. It just needs to be re-roofed in that part. There are some other things on the roof because the roof wasn't put in right. The snow slides off and it is very dangerous so I wanted to get that fixed; along the front and then on the back and sides because it's dangerous. Minor things like the closets need more shelving; our pantry needs shelves added and redone; our laundry room needs to be redone with more shelving; more storage. So, just things like that just to make it a better place to serve our children and our needs.

Councilwoman Friesz: Are you doing anything with those 2 rooms downstairs or is that just storage?

Evelyn Roundstone: We have the storage part and then we have another pod down there. That has furniture and it's ready and everything. We just aren't licensed. We are only licensed for 6 kids so we don't ever use that. That's become kind of a storage place but I kind of keep it so that it's still clean and if something happens we can just move that stuff out. It's just like infant stuff that we use here and there when we have infants. Yeah, I would really like to use that eventually. I would like to be licensed to full capacity, which would be 12. Maybe even 13 or 14 because we have an infant room and a toddler room. Its just staffing is inadequate. We just don't have the funding for staffing and we don't have the man power. Its hard to get people to work.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, it was bid out and they were the only ones who bid on it?

Evelyn Roundstone: Yes. Actually, another contractor came out and looked at the place but he never put in a bid. So, Swanne River was the only one that put in a bid.

Councilwoman Charette: Well, looking at it, there is no contract. There is just a proposal so this proposal has to be put into a contract? That is what we were looking at.

Evelyn Roundstone: I thought this was the contract.

Councilwoman Charette: It's just a proposal. Well, in our stuff that we have, we just have proposal.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Procurement will help you with that, ok.

Evelyn Roundstone: Well, they did. She was the one that said this was alright.

Councilwoman Charette: Can we look at that?

President Wetherelt: Once this resolution is approved, she should be able to do a contract with you.

Evelyn Roundstone: Oh, ok.

Councilwoman Fisher: I'll make that motion.

Councilwoman Charette: The other thing before you make your motion, we would have to deviate from policy again for putting that money up front. They are asking for half down.

Councilwoman Fisher: Oh, yeah.

Treasurer Spottedelk: So, I guess this recommendation is that language be put in here that states the council hereby deviates from the original course of the procurement manual to sole source with the contingencies of the half down payment based on the progress payments. That would be the only recommendation that we would have. Authorize a contract to be developed within the Tribe's regular template that we use.

Councilwoman Fisher: But, we have never deviated away from it.

Councilwoman Charette: It's the half down. The pre-payment.

Treasurer Spottedelk: That's the deviation is the half down.

Councilwoman Charette: They did the bidding out process and everything.

Councilwoman Fisher: Oh, it's what they are asking for upfront?

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Treasurer Spottedelk: Yeah.

Councilwoman Gourneau: So, your motion should be to authorize the contract and then authorize the pre-payment.

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah. Make sure that it's in the contract with that wording. That's the way you wanted it Melissa?

Councilwoman Fisher: I will make the motion to approve everything they said.

Councilwoman Charette: I'll second. Did you get all that?

Councilwoman Fisher: With the correct language in regards to the mobilization payment.

Councilwoman Charette: Deviate from the procurement process and it is getting approved on the council floor.

Secretary Redstar: Authorize the contract with the correct language in regards to; to deviate from the procurement process.

Councilwoman Charette: Deviate.

Councilwoman Fisher: The mobilization; in regards to the mobilization.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Debbie seconded the motion.

President Wetherelt: Next we will do #4, food pantry/food distribution JGA plans, Melissa Fisher.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING, REAFFIRMING & CLARIFYING NORTHERN CHEYENNE FOOD
PANTRY & NORTHERN CHEYENNE FOOD DISTRIBUTION BUILDING.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Norma Gourneau.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse				X
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Fisher: **WHEREAS**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council understands the importance of service delivery and the positive impact to the entire reservation to be provided by the Food Pantry & Food Distribution programs and supports a capital project to construct a joint-use facility;

WHEREAS, the tribe has previously selected JGA Architects to provide architectural services needed to advance the project. The Tribe has been pleased with the progress from JGA Architects to move to forward;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council wishes to proceed from design to the construction phase once final architectural design is completed and an accurate cost projection is

achieved. The Tribal Council authorizes an RFP process to select a qualified construction contractor, which is consistent with the tribe’s procurement & purchasing manual to complete the project;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council wishes to reaffirm the support of the capital project to construct a joint-use facility to serve the needs of the community with distribution of food, supplies and drinking water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal President with the assistance of the tribal attorneys to take all actions necessary to carry out this resolution expeditiously.

That’s my motion.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2023 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
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse <i>*arrived @ 11:06 a.m.</i>	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion

Councilwoman Fisher: **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is aware that the Northern Cheyenne Reservation has history and culture to share to help increase tourism and desires to build its workforce and business capacities to support the potential development of local economy on Tribe-owned land in a manner that maximizes the benefits to the Tribe and is consistent with the Tribe’s history and cultural values;

WHEREAS, the following grant proposal is being submitted to Tribal Tourism Enhancement Grant on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe: “Northern Cheyenne Tourism Grant Projects”;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council will consider the public release of non-proprietary data, information and reports obtained through the Tribal Tourism Enhancement Grant funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the submission, on behalf of the Tribe, the above grant proposal for Tribal Tourism Enhancement on the Reservation.

Councilwoman Gourneau: What is the proposed tourism?

Councilwoman Fisher: It's a grant for, to publicize like our broadcast and publicize our events; stuff like our pow wows. So, we could use it for our activities that we have in the summer like the Busby days or what is it called?

Councilwoman Charette: Cheyenne White River Days

Councilwoman Fisher: Or else, the advertisement of our 4th of July.

President Wetherelt: Veteran's pow wow and Labor Day pow wow.

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: So, it's just for publicizing and broadcasting?

Councilwoman Fisher: There's more that we can do with it.

Councilwoman Charette: Is it for advertisement?

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah, there's advertisement in there and it can be used other ways too but I thought that we could use it for advertising.

President Wetherelt: The next one up on the agenda is HAF Committee, Melissa Lonebear.

Councilwoman Charette: Is there one in there?

Councilman Davie: Do you have that one in your packet?

Councilwoman Charette: Do you want to table it?

President Wetherelt: I recommend we table it. There is no draft resolution.

Councilwoman Fisher: I think she just wanted to select a committee so that they could.

President Wetherelt: I think, if we are going to have a committee, it still needs to come through the President's office with recommendations.

Councilwoman Charette: I think what she was wanting to do was establish it but say like, we were going to put maybe three council on there; one from admin and one from, I don't know, another branch or something. Is that what she wanted to do? Right? Was establish it and then you can submit for names. So, it's more or less so that the grant that we got is going out there to the people and not just a select few. Maybe two council and maybe three from some other place but I know she was wanting to kind of set that up.

President Wetherelt: Ok, table for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Well, how about, we need that program to get started because there are a lot of people that are asking us about it. Why don't we get Melissa's recommendations and we as a council sign it and give it to the president and she can make appointments.

Councilwoman Charette: She is on the road.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, I did sign the budget this morning for that.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Ok, we'll table it and we'll give you some recommendations on who we recommend to be on there.

Councilwoman Charette: So, we can work on getting it established.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Because if we wait, then we just delay it even more.

President Wetherelt: Ok. The next one, number 7, open the Littlewolf Capital Building/Tribal Programs, Melissa Lonebear.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DIRECTING THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO OPEN ALL PUBLIC PROGRAMS/BUILDINGS TO THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau		X		
Eva Foote		X		
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse <i>*arrived @ 11:06 a.m.</i>	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

8 votes Yes	2 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Fisher: A Resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council directing the Tribal President to open all public programs/buildings to the tribal membership and general public. Jump down to the 3rd whereas.

WHEREAS; the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is charged with insuring and promoting the best interests of the Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS; the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council recognizes that the closure of public buildings and offices is depriving the Tribal membership from access to resources; and

WHEREAS; closure of the Tribal buildings and Tribal Council meetings has prohibited the people we represent from expressing their opinions and needs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby directs the Tribal President to take all necessary actions to open all Public Programs/Buildings located within the boundaries of the Northern Cheyenne

President Wetherelt: Ok so, as far as that goes, on February 11th we are supposed to get a direct answer whether they are going to open I guess. They did announce on January 11th that they are going to extend the emergency. So, on February 11th, everybody should know whether the whole United States is going to be open or not. I think we are already kind of doing it but we just need to put it writing that it's going to be open. You are still gonna need to wear masks inside.

Councilwoman Charette: Well, my thing is, is ok, we're gonna open; are we still gonna have them be able to check in and out?

President Wetherelt: Yes, that's what we talked to Yo-Yo about already. They're still gonna have to sign in and out.

Councilwoman Fisher: There will still be security. There's always been a security guard that worked.

President Wetherelt: They will still have to put their masks on when they come in. Everybody is gonna be able to come in at once and there shouldn't be no loitering because I know we are going to have a problem with that.

Councilwoman Charette: We'll post that their masks are needed.

President Wetherelt: William is going to do a letter to that affect. We talked about it this morning.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok.

President Wetherelt: I think every program should have a key so they should be able to come in on the side doors too but they need to check in.

Councilwoman Charette: So, we are not opening the side doors, just only the front? Ok.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Gourneau: So, just for clarification, this will start when you sign the resolution or does it start today or does it start February 11?

President Wetherelt: If we can get the memo out today we can probably start it today.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO MANAGE TRIBAL FUNDS.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Gourneau: Councilmembers, you have a draft resolution before you to manage tribal funds and I want to take out the 5th whereas because I understand that’s under discussion for the food pantry and the commodity program. Leave that out. I don’t want it to be part of this. The one that we are going to take out is the; *Whereas, in 2012, the Tribe disbursed certain settlement funds that originated in a breach of trust case, Northern Cheyenne Tribe v. Salazar, to Tribal membership per capita, but some of those funds remain unclaimed and have not been professionally invested.* The rest of it remains.

WHEREAS, to explore making the above amounts productive through prudent investments, the Tribal Council wishes to hire an entity to professionally manage the above funds as the Tribe’s fiduciary and in the best interests of the Tribe; and this includes the grant award to construct and operate a broadband program and when those funds are received to be held for those purposes through 2024 and probably beyond. And the other one is the funds that are still within tribal control, the settlement from the Ramah.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to ask the following to submit a proposal for that purpose: First Interstate Bank, Stockman Bank, Native American Bank, and Edward Jones; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal President, with assistance from the Tribal Attorney, to issue a request for proposal to the above entities to professionally manage the above funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council will review and may select a professional fund manager based on the responses to the request for proposal; The word renewable needs to be taken out of that.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the request for proposal is not a formal bid solicitation and therefore will not be subject to the Tribe’s normal procurement procedures

We have significant funds coming from the broadband. The funds that are left that are remaining from that settlement.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING A DRAWDOWN OF FUNDS FROM THE 207T000037 ACQUISITION
LAND BUY BACK PROGRAM.**

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Gourneau: You have before you a resolution authorizing a drawdown of funds form the 207000037-acquisition land back program. That should be buy back. In the resolution DOI-032 (2019) the Tribal the Tribal Council approved the purchase of 1,020 acres of largely undeveloped land near the sacred site of Bear Butte, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, the funds for this purchase came from various sources of tribal funds, more specifically funding from the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and the Tribal Land Authority, and the Tribal Council agreed to reimburse THPO one-half of its contribution of \$560,000 and the Land Authority \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, there are funds currently held by the Bureau of Trust Fund Administration which represents approximately \$865,081.00 held in account Number 207T000037 Acquisition Land Buy Back Program and the Tribal Council requests the transfer of these funds from said program to the Tribe; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby requests the transfer of all funds currently in the 207T000037 Acquisition Land Buy Back Program, with interest with said funds to be drawn down, transferred and credited to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's General Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said funds will be use allocated and budgeted to the following offices: Northern Cheyenne Tribal Historic Preservation Office in the amount of \$280,125.00; and the Northern Cheyenne Land Board (previously known as Land Authority) in the amount of \$200,000.00; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the remaining funds shall be held in a restricted account within General Fund and shall be used in a manner that benefits planned acquisition activities or natural resource management.

That is my motion. Let me kind of explain. The Tribe participated in the Land Buy Back Program. So, when the Federal Government bought interest from tribal members allottee's those funds, the revenue generated from those lands went into this special account and so it is sitting there now and we can draw it down. The recommendation that was made, after discussion of this, was to honor that resolution 032 that was enacted by the Tribal Council in 2019 and to reimburse those 2 programs. The remaining amount will be left up the Tribal Council to determine how that will be spent and that will be a Tribal Council decision.

Councilwoman Foote: What's the remaining?

Councilwoman Gourneau: Take \$865,081.00 minus \$200,000.00, whatever that amount is, \$300 something thousand. That will be available for the council to; cause its general fund so that is a good thing.

Councilwoman Charette: About \$380,000.00, the lower.

A MOTION TO ADD BIRNEY COMMITTEE/COMMUNITY ISSUES ON THE HOMELESS SHELTER TO THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Gwen Spottedhorse. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President		X		
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 votes Yes	1 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: Before we go any further, I would like to see if could add on the Birney committee for the issue with the homeless shelter. They want to bring in a statement and they have statements from other community member and its notarized and signed by a couple of the residents in Birney. There're some issues they'd like to let the council know on the homeless shelter in Birney.

Councilwoman Charette: They want to do an update?

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: Yeah and they want to do a, give you guys a statement.

Councilwoman Fisher: Is that your motion?

President Wetherelt: Is that your motion to add?

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: Yeah.

Councilwoman Fisher: I will second it.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Let me say something first. The homeless shelter belongs to the community. I would like to hear the communities concerns because this wasn't about the shelter. It was about one of the community members and one from the shelter. They say that they drink over there but it's actually the community that drinks. Most of the shelter don't have no income or nothing. They take their alcohol and drugs down there. Our community should be responsible.

Councilwoman Fisher: This is just to add it on and whenever we get to there we can talk about it.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Before you add it on, I want my secretary to be here so she has something to say too. I'd like to have my secretary added on too. The shelter's secretary.

Councilwoman Fisher: Right now, we are just adding it to the agenda so what is your vote?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: This agenda or next agenda?

Councilwoman Charette: No, this one.

Councilwoman Fisher: This agenda.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, I'd like to table it until I get my secretary over here.

Councilwoman Fisher: We are just taking the vote to add it on right now.

Vic-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Are we gonna discuss it?

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah, that's what I'm saying. This is just the vote to add it on so what is your vote.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Even if we are gonna add it on, I would like my secretary to be here.

Councilwoman Fisher: I know. We are just taking the vote to add it on so is your vote yes or no?

President Wetherelt: Ok. It'll be number 13 on our agenda.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RE-AFFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. DOI-136 (2022) REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF RESERVE STATUS OF LAND HELD BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Gourneau: You have before you a resolution re-affirming resolution number 136 regarding the request for revocation of reserve status of land held by the BIA. So, just a recap. Resolution No. DOI - 136 (2022) which requested the revocation of reserve status of land on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, to enable the Tribe to pursue land to be utilized by the Tribe's Health Department, specifically the two modular buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires that the land as depicted in the attached exhibit will be used for general tribal use as determined by the Tribal Council and not limited to the placement of two modular units which were to house tribal health functions; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs revoke the reserve status of the land depicted in the attached exhibit and return said lands to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council that Resolution No. DOI-136 is hereby reaffirmed as the request for the revocation of lands has not changed, only the purposes for which it was originally enacted.

So, a while ago we passed a resolution that we wanted those lands back that are over there by the police department; that parking lot next to the police department and that whole area that they consider the park. We were going to use part of that to house those 2 trailers that Tribal Health was purchasing but those 2 trailers got moved over there by the Wellness Center, which is probably a better place for them. There're long term plans to build a Tribal Health Complex. In the meantime, they are located over there by the Wellness Center. In speaking to the Superintendent, they still haven't moved any further on the Tribe's request to have those lands returned to the Tribe. So, for those of you that are new, when our reservation was established all the tribal members got an allotment. The lands that were left over were given to the Tribe and they are listed as Tribal original lands. So, the Tribe has land. There was a certain section that was set aside for the BIA so that they could have their offices here and have staff or housing and office buildings as they were supposed to be working for the Tribe. Well, over the years, they haven't utilized a lot of those lands. So, what we want is, we want those lands returned to the tribe so that we can use them in a manner that we need and that we think is a better use for those. One of them is, in terms of building the Justice Center. We wanted the Justice Center built over there by the current, existing Law Enforcement. You know where all those junk cars are that OJS has over there. It includes that. There is a map in here and then the park there. What the BIA agreed to is that they would do a survey so that they can describe that and they are dragging their feet on that because they are saying that it's Tribal Health use and it should be for general purposes. I didn't want to rescind the other resolution because what I want is a record that we did ask for those lands way back in June and so far there has been no action. So, I want to push the issue to get them to return those lands back to tribal ownership. I want to leave that resolution in place to say, hey, you've had all this time to do it; we still need a resolution; we still need title to return back to the tribe. But now it's for general purposes and it's not limited to health. That's my resolution.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DEMANDING A TRANSFER OF LIEUTENANT HARLEY WALKER FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			

Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Gourneau: It took me awhile to come to this point but just based on everything that has happened to the Tribe and not happen in terms of providing basic law enforcement for our membership, I felt compelled to do this. Especially since we had made all of these issues known to OJS at the district office and they refuse to do anything to Lieutenant Walker. You all received a letter back from the solicitor. There is no Internal Affairs investigations. They make it sound like he is a model police officer. We see what happens. I'm gonna read this resolution but part of it is, you've all got a letter to the attorneys for the United States as part of our law suit with OJS and in there, there is a page and a half about the reason that we are requesting the transfer of reassignment of problematic fiduciary staff includes Lieutenant Harley Walker, the primary supervisory officer of the Northern Cheyenne Law Enforcement Division. I want to add this for the minutes. One of the things that, remember when the Assistant Secretary was here, he said that it's hard to fire an employee and it's hard to go thru that whole process. We said, nobody said anything about firing him; we just want him gone from the reservation. You can deal with him somewhere else but they wouldn't even do that. What this resolution is formally requesting that OJS transfer him. We think that there is plenty of reasons why he should be terminated but that's not our decision. We have no supervisory control over him but what do have authority to do is that we request that OJS transfer Harley Walker and have him go work somewhere else. If they want to keep him, that's fine, but we don't want him here. When you read the justifications and the things that have happened to us regarding Harley Walker, it just makes you feel really, really sad. The things that he continues to do and more importantly, not do on behalf of the tribe; just to provide basic law enforcement. So, I want to read this resolution because I want it for the record.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services (OJS) is the federal agency with the primary fiduciary duties to administer and enforce the Northern Cheyenne Law and Order Code; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of OJS is to uphold the constitutional sovereignty of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and preserve peace within the Northern Cheyenne Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, more specifically, OJS is responsible for providing for the safety of Northern Cheyenne tribal members by ensuring the protection of life and property, enforcing laws, maintaining justice and order, and by ensuring that incarcerated Native Americans are confined in safe, secure and humane environments and that public safety is one of the most fundamental government services provided to tribal communities; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Harley Walker currently serves as a Lieutenant for the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and the Tribal Council is dismayed by his failure to maintain law and order on the Reservation and his cavalier attitude about providing for the safety of the tribal membership, which is unacceptable to the Council;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe firmly believes that Mr. Walker is the source of many of the Tribe’s law enforcement issues due to his ineffective management of the local Reservation police force. The Council has discussed our concerns and issues regarding the conduct of Lieutenant Harley Walker to the Special Agent in Charge of OJS-District V and there has been no attempt to transfer Mr. Walker from the Northern Cheyenne Reservation; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has determined that Mr. Harley Walker is one of the major impediments to improving public safety on the Reservation and hereby demands that OJS transfer Lieutenant Harley Walker from the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and requests that OJS facilitate this transfer immediately.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT PROPOSALS TO THE U.S.
 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY -- FEDERAL EMERGENCY
 MANAGEMENT AGENCY -- BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND
 COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM – TO FUND MICROGRID AND CLEAN
 ENERGY SCOPING PROJECTS ON NORTHERN CHEYENNE LANDS WITHIN
 ROSEBUD COUNTY AND BIGHORN COUNTY.**

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Little Eagle: I’d like to make a resolution authorizing submission of grant proposals to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency – building resilient infrastructure and communities grant program – to fund microgrid and clean energy scoping projects on Northern Cheyenne lands within Rosebud County and Bighorn County.

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides federal funds for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program to state, local, tribal and territorial governments for hazard mitigation activities, including capacity and capability activity types and hazard mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, a grant proposal for Microgrids and Clean Energy Scoping projects on Northern Cheyenne Lands within Bighorn County is being prepared for submittal to FEMA’s BRIC grant program on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and

WHEREAS, a grant proposal for Microgrids and Clean Energy Scoping projects on Northern Cheyenne Lands within Rosebud County is being prepared for submittal to FEMA’s BRIC grant program on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Per the Fiscal Year 2022 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity, the requirements to qualify for this 90% federal cost match as an EDRC are as stated: “Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities are eligible for an increase in cost share up to 90 percent federal / 10 percent non-federal. Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC) means a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals identified by the applicant that is economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the national per capita income, based on best available data.”; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe certifies the areas served by each of these proposals qualify as an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC) for the purposes of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant and are backed up with best available data which is included in the attached “Northern Cheyenne Match and EDRC Certification Letter”;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe certifies the proposals should be designed to request up to a combined total of \$2,000,000 and provides a firm commitment to fulfill the 10% Match Requirement of up to \$200,000;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe acknowledges the Renewable Energy Manager, Kyle Alderman, will help develop and submit the proposals and manage all grants and projects awarded under the above referenced proposals; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council authorizes the submission on behalf of the Tribe of both grant proposals and the “Northern Cheyenne Match and EDRC Certification Letter” to the BRIC grant program from FEMA, and authorizes and instructs the Tribal President to submit the proposal on behalf of the Tribe and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Councilwoman Friesz: I just had a question on the 10% match requirement. Is that what the Tribe is doing or do we have funds for that already?

Councilwoman Charette: We will look for funds for that.

Councilwoman Gourneau: It can be an in-kind.

Councilwoman Friesz: Oh, ok. Yeah.

A MOTION TO SHUT DOWN THE HOMELESS SHELTER OR MOVE IT OUT OF BIRNEY FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR ELDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Motion made by Gwen Spottedhorse. Second by

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				
Debra Charette				
Norma Gourneau				
Eva Foote				
Nizhoni Friesz				
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President				
Torrey Davie				
Donavin Limberhand				
Silver Little Eagle				
Gwen Spottedhorse				
Melissa Fisher				

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DISCUSSION:

President Wetherelt: Ok, Torrey do you want to go get them?

Councilman Davie: She's getting them.

President Wetherelt: You're acting.

Councilwoman Foote: You're acting.

President Wetherelt: Torrey was acting for this meeting. You can come up here, if you'd like. Did you want to come up here?

11:57 a.m. Patricia Talawyma and Dustin Goudreau, Sr. entered the chambers.

President Wetherelt: Which one of you want to go first?

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Good morning councilwomen and councilmen. I come from Birney. This weekend we had an incident with the homeless shelter that Ernest Littlemouth, over there, runs. It's not been running good. I've had some concerns and I went down there and I've checked on it. They are out of control. Really out of control. I've had residents come to me complaining about the shelter. Ernest Littlemouth came and visited me this morning while I was at work trying to stress to me about his shelter. Little did I know I thought it was the community's shelter and he said it was his shelter. So, on that note, I would like something to be done about that shelter. Either go down there and swab all the residents; swabs the facility; cause it is no good for our community. I've had elders come to me asking me what I can do about that shelter. I'm trying my best. I'm trying my best when I don't have no help in Birney. All I got is my family and my little brothers

helping me. We are trying to control situations over there. Stoney Elkshoulder came to my house. He is Ernest Littlemouth's manager. He came to my house and fought me.

Patrica Talawyma: Intoxicated

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Intoxicated. Drinks. Ernest told me this morning, he takes them to Ashland, buys them beer and lets them go back to that shelter. He tells me that. I mean, I thought me and Ernest were family but little did I know, it's not like that. Me, I'm sober; trying to stay humble; trying to help my community in a good way. Any which way I can. I've had residents, all these older people, come to me asking me if I can do something about this shelter. I am here to help the people. I am really tired of how it's ran. Me, Pat and Lisa, we have things going for Birney. We want to get a grant writer to be brought in to help us but then his daughter over there don't want to participate in nothing that we are doing. It don't make no sense to me because we are trying. We are a trying bunch that we want to help our community; help the elders; help the kids. There're people over there that don't have no food sometimes. If I have to, I'll pay out of my own pocket to help our elders; all the dialysis patients. Nobody wants to help them. If September doesn't want to help us, I am going to ask her to respectfully step down. Let someone in there that wants to help. Her and her father came and visited me this morning while I was at the Cheyenne Depot working. They could of did it when I was off of the job but they wanted to do it before I came and sat in front of the council; in front of the President. I am fed up with the shelter. I want to do something about it. Either get it removed or what does it say on there?

Patricia Talawyma: Get it shut down.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Or shut down. Move it someplace else. Ernest didn't come to the community to talk to us if we wanted that shelter there. Most of the residents there told me about this. I didn't hear nothing from him. He's usually not home. We can't get ahold of him. The only time he wants to come and see if there is a situation like this going on. Now that it's gotten out of hand, he wants to put it off of the agenda. No, it's already too late. It's already too late. It's gone too far right now. I don't bother nobody. I go home and I work. What Stoney did today, last week, was uncalled for. I don't appreciate that. If he had a lid on his shelter in what was really going on, that wouldn't have never happened.

Patricia Talawyma: We had 2 individuals volunteer themselves to split shifts and be security to watch the community because we had an individual drunk, standing around by the park over there, threatening to bust out windows and slash tires. That just kind of made the community, you know, feel unsafe and unease and they shouldn't be feeling that way in their own home.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: I mean, its situations like this that us younger ones need to step up in order to help. I'm willing to help. I'm an able body person that can help. You know, I come to you guys in respect and help me. Help me do something about the shelter over there. Help me get donations so I can spread it out to the community. I'm not going to hoarder them. I have no use for none of the donations. If its to help my community, I will. I will. I'm a young man. I can work. I just want to help my people in a good way. You know. I mean. We got many statements coming in but we were going to get it today. We thought your meeting got moved to tomorrow.

President Wetherelt: Do you want to read it?

Patricia Talawyma: Yes. Hello, my name is Patricia Talywyma. I'm Birney District secretary. I got asked to type this up for the community. I'll read it. Dear Tribal Council, we, as the Birney district community, are asking that have the Birney District shelter removed and or shut down due to multiple complaints and incidents that have been occurring with residents over the Birney shelter. The Birney community has not been able to get ahold of the Vice-President, Ernest Littlemouth, because we as a community feel that we cannot address these issues with him because he will not work with us as a community on the complaints and issues regarding his homeless shelter. Our Birney community feels unsafe with the homeless shelter members because they have been harassing the residents of Birney on the day of January 14, 2023. We had 2 individuals volunteer security to split shifts to watch the Birney communities' properties due to 2 individuals threatening to vandalize a resident's home or property and we as a small community feel that we should not feel unsafe in our own homes. We hope that the Tribal Council and Tribal President will be able to resolve these issues before someone gets seriously hurt or their property damaged. Sincerely, the Birney District community. We took it around to get signatures last night. We got 17 signatures and there is more wanting to sign and submit their complaints on the shelter.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: I would just like to say, the reason we had to have security is because it took the cops 4 ½ hours to finally come to Birney. I called them 4 times and them threatening to damage property or harm people there, it was uncalled for. Threatening the lives of the person that he came over and started and then leaving; saying that he was gonna come back and kill him or damage our property. That's a unsafe environment for our community and our children and elders because some of the elders live alone. I mean, what if it would of got worse and the cops didn't show up.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Is it my turn to say something?

President Wetherelt: You got the floor.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: This whole thing started at the first council meeting, district meeting over there, when they re-elected my daughter. They threw them out. This is one family. I guess another family. I'm sorry to say, you know, it's my family; my daughter that got thrown out. The district voted her back in unanimously. There was a lot of them that wanted that. She just wanted her secretary job back but the district asked for her to be the chairman. The reason why she is not here is because I told her not to be here. What Dustin is saying, I told him, I said I give them money when they work for me. They go get their own beer sometimes. I don't go get it for them. I give them money, they get beer. I can't help how they spend it. Another thing about the first district meeting, Dustin starting cussing around in there and saying he just got out of prison and acting all bad in there. My wife tried to talk to him and he started cussing at her too. The people in there in that council meeting got scared of him because he said he was just out of prison. That's what I told my wife, I said, just let it go, it comes back to them. That's where Stoney stepped in and talked to Dustin about cussing around in there and cussing at his auntie. That's where all this trouble started. It didn't happen at the shelter. I got people from Lame Deer at the shelter right now. They are cleaning up. They use to be around the streets here. The only person I got that is from Birney is my brother. He's got no other place to go. I got one that's in a wheelchair. I got

one there that's got a kid and I separated them. I got the family over here. That's why I got the other building. I got men over here. It ain't the shelter. It's the community that drinks. That's who they should go after. We got drugs over there; we got meth over there; we got alcohol over there and they bring it the residents there. I've been talking to them. I'm not there every day because I have a job here. I go back down there and I talk to them. But when I'm not there, that's when this happens. I talked to them yesterday. I said these guys, especially Stoney, you are making it look bad for us now. I think we need to, this is a community issue. Let's go to the community and see what they say. The district. We need to be there, whoever wants to come to the next district meeting. See what the District's saying. Not from this family. Not from Gwen because she the representative over there.

President Wetherelt: What is the situation on the homeless shelter? Is it under your name or is it for Birney community?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: No, it's under me. I started this without the Council's help. I've been running it on donations without no help from the Council.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, what is the policy? Where's your policies?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: We got them over there. I got the policies over there. Everybody has to sign them.

President Wetherelt: So, do you have anything on drinking there, on alcoholism?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Yeah but I can't help it if I'm working over here. Right now, they are going to be walking around and you guys are going to be talking about them. Most of them are from here. The only one from Birney is my brother, Gilbert, and he's disabled. That's all I got at the shelter right now. If you want to go look, it's probably clean right now because they've been cleaning it. I kind of want to table this too because I want my secretary to be here to answer some of their questions. Like I said, this is a district matter and it should be in the district before it comes here and not straight to the representative and not straight to the council. I want to hear what, you know, that's probably all their family; that whole family that's on there, on that paper right there.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: There's 5 to 10 different households.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I know Hugh won't like because his brother is staying in there too. His brother don't have no place to go.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: He signed a statement.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, he's gonna be out in the cold too if you shut it down. So, let's have a district meeting.

Councilman Davie: Would you be against moving it to Lame Deer.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Lame Deer don't work. They had 2 of them.

Councilman Davie: I think that was because of incompetency by the people running it. If you feel as though you are running your shelter correctly, would you have a problem with it being moved to Lame Deer where it would be closer to law enforcement?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, it would be real good if they had a shelter here. I could use that for a detox center. I have other plans for a detox center.

Councilman Davie: Because, a few months back, I'm not sure how far back it was but there was a post on facebook by Pam Ash-Krouse talking about the alcohol at the shelter and how she felt that she didn't have the, and this is

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, let's ask her right now.

Councilman Davie: That was the, that was the, I mean I saw, I don't have to, I don't have to ask anybody anything. I saw what I saw and she opposed, to actually controlling that issue. The alcohol, the drinking and she said she had no problem with it. But of course, she's from Forsyth. That kind of struck a cord with me. This was before I was elected, of course. This was summer time; maybe even spring time of last year but what is the protocol for people that stay there as far as alcohol goes.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: They have their Covid cards and like, that's the rules. You can't enforce the rules to adults, I mean, on drugs; alcohol and drugs in Birney.

Councilman Davie: I've had the unfortunate opportunity as a child to have to stay in a rescue mission. The Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City, South Dakota. In order to get a room; to get a bed there and to even eat there, you had to sit through an hour-long church sermon and you had to be sober. If you didn't follow those 2 qualifications to get a bed and to get your meal, you would not be able to come in there. So, you do have the control to stop the people from drinking there, whether they are adults or not. I feel there should not be any kind of drinking there because if it's for families, like you say, and for women, especially, and children, I believe alcohol shouldn't be anywhere on the premises. Especially since this is a dry reservation. We live on a dry reservation. I can't have alcohol at my house or in my possession so I don't believe anybody else should be able to have alcohol in their house or in their possession. They shouldn't be able to bring it onto our reservation. From the sounds of the complaints, from the people here today; you guys have other complaints as well, right?

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Yes, we do.

Councilman Davie: I just feel that, that you should take that into consideration that the alcohol has no place on our reservation until otherwise. This is a dry reservation and because it's in Birney; because it's so far away from law enforcement and because of law enforcements lack of performing their duties, it becomes a liability for the people of Birney and for the reservation as a whole. That's how I feel about the situation. I mean, I know that you built something from nothing with the help of people staying there and I feel like if that's a rule that you were to put in place; no

alcohol, no drugs, just no alcohol is a big thing. It's already created issues in the lives of the people that end up having to stay there. I don't think we should be encouraging it at all, especially when it's a place where women and children are supposed to be able to feel safe. My kids and my wife and I don't feel safe if somebody shows up at our house drunk, we make them leave. So, humbly I ask that you do that. Maybe take it upon yourself and your secretary to create a protocol. Maybe, I don't know, maybe do, what would you say? Just check for intoxication and make it a requirement in order for them to use the facilities to be able to use the facilities that they must be sober.

Vic-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, I put this in front of the council. This was when I wasn't a councilman and they are still doing that. The cops bring over drunk people because they are too lazy to take them to Hardin. I brought it up before, if they could talk to them about not to be bringing them over there. We've had people throwing around food there that were drunk that came from here and one was on medication but didn't have their medication. And another one that was trying to fight everyone there that was on medication. I had to chase them out. Most of these ones have to walk 20 miles to get something. Either it's alcohol or drugs and most of them don't have jobs. The reason why I am saying that is, it's the community the one that come over there. They go down there and get them drunk and get them high, you know. They're not the only ones that have drugs there.

President Wetherelt: I think what we need to do.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Wait, hold on. These guys use to work for you. Him and his brother. That's why you brought that up. That's why I wanted my secretary here. She knows a little bit about what going on down there. Yeah, she comes from Forsyth but she feeds these people, you know. What are they going to do. We even invite the community to come eat at Thanksgiving, Christmas. I think this is; it should be at the district before it comes here.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: May I say something? We tried to bring it up in a district meeting. Ernest's wife "Let me go get Ernest, he don't like you guys talking about this in these meetings. I'll go get Ernest right now." Trying to threaten with Ernest.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well see I'm not allowed in the district meeting.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: We have a right to talk about stuff inside of a district meeting and that was one issue that was brought up.

Councilwoman Fisher: Why are you not allowed at district meetings?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: That's the policy. We can't have nothing to do with district issues.

Councilwoman Fisher: You are still on the voters list. You are still a part of that community.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I know but if I go in there; it's like he said, that's gonna happen.

Councilwoman Fisher: I don't know, I think that it's a huge liability on the communities, or on the tribes behalf.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, Tribe's got nothing to do with it.

Councilwoman Fisher: But we are liable to even the membership.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, that's the community; the district.

Councilwoman Fisher: We're hearing the cries of the community now that the community is in danger.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: There's a statement they're written and signed.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, let's let the district decided; your just hearing from part of the district.

Councilwoman Fisher: If we're going to function a homeless shelter here then it needs to be done correctly like you need to make policies and procedures.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr. Well, you guys need to make one here, so they won't be coming down there.

President Wetherelt: Ok but we're talking about yours.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Yeah, well.

Councilwoman Fisher: But, right now we have an issue before us.

Vice-President Littlemouth Sr.: Well, like you said, you should move it. Where are the homeless gonna go?

Councilwoman Lonebear: How many is in there?

Councilwoman Charette: How long have they been there?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: There's 2 of them that's been there a long time; Stoney and Gilbert. Some are in and out, you know.

Councilwoman Charette: And you have your policy and procedure in place?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Yeah, and they have to sign it.

Councilwoman Charette: This is a district update

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I had to turn some away that were on medicine. ER even tried to send me some that had dementia; that had medical. You know, I can't take those ones. I don't have nurses there or anything to help them out when something happens to them.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, a homeless shelter is a temporary situation. What are, what is your solution for them? What is their time frame of, for a temporary situation?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Right now?

Councilwoman Fisher: What is your time frame for them to find

Councilman Davie: Do they have a limit or do they, is there, is there, is there resources for them to find employment; find housing.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Some of them are going to the, you know, like I put on sweats every week and I talked to them in a sweat and they understand where I'm coming from or what I wanted to do. I talk to the new ones too and they agree to come sign up at the recovery. But we've got an issue with transportation, you know. They don't stop there anymore. They have to walk up from the shelter to the turn off to Ashland. If transportation would just stop by the shelter they would be coming.

Councilwoman Fisher: If there was a coordinator, like full-time coordinator there, they could, they could coordinate right for them.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: That takes money. I don't got money. If I had money I could higher one.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Don't you get donations though?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: That's for food.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: All kinds of donations.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: That's for food.

Councilwoman Fisher: The transit goes there every day.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Yeah, but like I said, it turns towards Ashland. That's how far they have to walk and it's cold to walk up there.

Councilwoman Fisher: That's why I'm saying, if there was a coordinator there who could coordinate with transit to set it up, transit would probably go there to pick people up because, even if it's a handicapped person. I mean, that that communication has to open up there.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: We don't have a phone.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Well it would be your responsibility Ernest to make sure it gets done.

Councilwoman Fisher: You are the coordinator, correct?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: What?

Councilwoman Fisher: Are you the coordinator?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: No

Councilwoman Fisher: So, that's not your homeless shelter?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I'm just the director.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, basically you're kind of the director slash coordinator slash everything? So, couldn't you set that up.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, I could set it up with transportation to start stopping there but right now the issue is these guys want it moved. Where they gonna go?

Councilman Davie: I think, I think more or less, the issue is the community feels; I don't necessarily want to say that they feel as though moving it is a solution or shutting it down. They just want it to stop. What's happening with the alcohol. I mean, like I said, its something that was brought up months ago by the secretary of the shelter. As far as him and his brother working with me at the shop; that's not really my reason for speaking about this because I have vested interest in both parties. The person who is accused, that these guys have an issue with, is a very close friend of mine and these guys are like family. So, it's not anything personal against the people because I know how people get when they're drinking. I know, I've grown up around alcohol my entire life, know it's bad. Definitely don't want it around my kids, or my wife or my family. Every time alcohol is involved in a situation that I've ever experienced in my life, it's been a problem and it's caused issues. Long-term, short-term issues. The way that I've always dealt with it, is to just nip it in the butt. I feel like if you were to assure the community that some sort of protocol was being followed by the people staying at the shelter, you know, and that you were adamant that alcohol not be consumed on the premises. It's not an issue against, personally against the thought of the shelter; it's the issue with things going on there. I think we are all looking for answers from you Vice-President Littlemouth, as far as steps that you would be willing to take to ensure your community that you're taking all the precautionary measures to keep them safe and just make sure the community is safe. That there's standards, as far as, cause I know that all the other, any other shelter that I've ever seen, heard of or been to, there were very, very strict requirements that people had to follow in order to get a bed. And at times, in order to even get a meal. I think that's what it is. I don't think, this is nothing personal against you or your family. I know it's not nothing personal against them from you. I just, you know, for the people man. You know, the people are crying out right now. There are people crying out; members of our tribe that feel as though there needs to be a change and I feel that you have all the power in that situation to make that change regardless of what it is. You know, we all come here in a good way.

Councilwoman Fisher: You know, when the shelter was open up here, there was a curfew, there was no alcohol, no drugs were tolerated. There was rules up here and that's why nobody would go there because they didn't want to follow the rules up there. What is the rules out there for alcohol? Do you make them leave if they are drunk? What about that family? That mother and that child that are sleeping in the next room? Is there a locking door that protects them from the people that are drunk on the other side?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Like I said, they moved across to the other building. That's why I was asking if you guys could help me with the light bill.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Trae came to me and said you wouldn't let him move across over there.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Who?

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Trae.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Who's Trae.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: George Elkshoulder the third.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: It wasn't ready then.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: That's why he moved out. You weren't willing to help. You weren't willing to do nothing. And not once at that district meeting did I cuss at your wife. I talked to her and she was the one that was making threats.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, let's bring her in too.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: I'll go get Ernest right now. Like, how come he can't come in here and help us. Be part of the people. You're in here because you are for the people. Help us.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: That's her, that's the Birney rep right there.

Councilwoman Fisher: Even our Birney rep is reaching out for help from her colleagues because right now, she messaged me over the weekend. The Birney community is feeling threatened.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: This all started at the district level.

Councilwoman Fisher: We are not talking about the issues between families right now. What we are talking about is the issue at hand which is the homeless shelter. It has nothing to do with whatever is going on between families or whatever is going on with the district. Right now, it's the homeless shelter that we're talking about and it's about the safety of the community and the tribal membership feeling unsafe in their own community.

Councilman Davie: With all due respect.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: There's only one person that they're scared of and he already beat him up. The rest of them are harmless.

Councilwoman Fisher: But this person that is staying at your homeless shelter, who is on a different voter's list, is staying there.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: No, he's not.

Councilwoman Fisher: Is staying there. Has stayed there. That's why I am asking you. What is your time frame for your homeless shelter. How long are you letting them stay there in a temporary situation? Which it is supposed to be, right?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: No

Councilwoman Fisher: So, it's a long-term facility.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: It's just a homeless shelter. It doesn't say temporary homeless shelter. It says Tongue River Homeless Shelter.

Councilman Davie: I want to stress that are not trying to. This is nothing personal against you, Mr. Vice-President. As far as why this is being brought up in the council meeting and not within the district. In every resolution, draft resolution, that we pass in this room, second whereas states that "the tribe, the tribal council, is empowered to administer charity and to protect the general health and welfare of the tribe." Those people are our responsibility and that's why it's being brought up in here. They're our responsibility. They're not the district committee's responsibility. The people that are crying out are our responsibility. As far as why it being brought up in here; every one of us in this room, including people in the office; everybody in the communities; the district; the people off the reservation; they are our responsibility to protect them. There are people that feel as though they need our protection; they need our input on this situation. What I ask, really, is that there is a strict protocol for people that stay there. I don't think that you should have to find another building to place women and children in because they feel unsafe at the current facility that you manage. I think that that's putting a band aid over a gaping wound. I think the consensus here is that we wish from you and your colleagues at the shelter, that they adhere to the rules and regulations of, not only your non-profit, but also the Northern Cheyenne Tribe because this is a dry reservation and alcohol is not allowed here.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: I mean, if you can't handle that shelter, give it to the district. I'll go down there and I'll help. I mean, if it's that hard then give it away.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: You guys don't even know how to run the district. All you guys do is fight to try to get my daughter out of there. I think the district needs to re-vote on the officers. That's what I think because they are afraid of Dustin too. They don't want to go over there.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Because I speak up. I don't let things slide if somethings going to go on, I speak up. I'm the voice of the people that are scared of you, Ernest. They can't talk to you because you always want to argue with them when they have questions.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Because I'm not invited. When's the first time you ever invited me?

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Are you gonna shut this shelter down or not? Because you are not running it right.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Where are they gonna go? Tell me where they're gonna go.

Dusting Goudreau, Sr.: I don't know. That's your problem. We're gonna shut the shelter down. I don't want the shelter in Birney. Look at what it's causing. Can't you see that. Open your eyes uncle. See what's really going on.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I know what's going on. I come back from Billings and I heard you guys got into it so I went down there.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: He came to my house.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I know. It didn't happen at the shelter, that's what I'm saying. It happened at the community.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Still he came from the shelter. You let drinking go on down there. Let's go down there and do a meth swab on it.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Yeah, right now. Go down there. I bet you they are sober.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Do a meth swab on the walls. They can do that. Once they do that then they have to condemn that building.

Vic-President Littlemouth, Sr.: That's where it comes from. He's probably the only one that does meth to. Stoney. Them other ones are old guys.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Why do you have him down there?

Patricia Talawyma: He's the manager.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: I'd like to make a motion to either shut down or remove the shelter from Birney. Me, as. I'd like to finish talking before you say something. I am the council rep for Birney, and I speak for the people in Birney. They came to me because I'm approachable. They're scared to go to you because they know you are going to react this way.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Yup.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: They try to come to you but you are never home or you don't answer them. You are creating this between our community. The smallest community on the reservation.

Councilwoman Fisher: What's your motion?

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: I'd like to motion to shut down the homeless shelter in Birney due to the safety for our community members and families and elders.

President Wetherelt: Motion on the floor. Do we have a second?

Councilman Davie: Is there any way you can reassure them that this is

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Let me go talk to the people that are there.

Councilman Davie: Then, I guess my next question is, is this your guy's final solution? Is this what you guys believe the solution is?

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: We tried to help them. We tried to talk to them.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: This ain't even

President Wetherelt: Let him finish.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Can I finish over here Ernest. I know you're mad about this. We've been dancing around this question the whole time. We took it to the district. Your wife was sitting there arguing with everybody. Dolly. Pattie. You have your own followers on one side. It's not supposed to be like that, I told them in that district meeting. We tried to talk about that situation. Dolly got up and said, let me go get Ernest. I said, yes, bring him in here. We need to hear his input too and she said he can't be here at this district meeting. He's not supposed to be here. Yeah, he can come in. And Dolly said Ernest said don't bring up his homeless shelter. Why not because it's an issue that's been ongoing. Your people at that shelter been voting. We've been outvoted over there. Our funds are depleted. How are we supposed to help the district when we have no money? You're on there eleven (11) times. Getting help eleven (11) times from the district. Why?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I only got help once. That's when you guys gave out elder money and look at it good, that's my son. I never get help. You guys should bring in the

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Well, we're talking about the shelter right now.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: See, you don't want to talk about the funds now but you guys use the funds.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: That needs to be resolved right now. We can resolve the funds in our district, but I want to talk about the shelter right now. I have complaints and many more coming

in that I can bring to the council. I've tried to resolve this in the district. It has gone nowhere. It has gone nowhere.

Councilman Davie: Those complaints need to be read. If you have any complaints right now, they need to be read,

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Ok. Birney shelter. This lady right here would like to remain anonymous because she is scared of Ernest over there. He goes around and tries to intimidate people. He's not gonna do that to me. I'll tell you that much. I'm here for the people. I really am. I, myself, was once homeless here in Birney. I was very thankful for the shelter. I believe I stayed at the shelter for about 5 or 6 weeks. I believe it was a lot easier. I did not try to drink every day and I also stayed high. If it wasn't dope then we would have pills. I was the only female staying at the shelter for about 3 to 4 weeks. Honestly, I never had that uncomfortable feeling until another female started staying there. The other female would get the shock collar, which was Stoney. Go in by saying rude and nasty remarks. Stoney would always make a remark about raping other; raping one of the other men rather than trying or doing anything with another female. We can't be having that going on at that shelter. Look at what this guy is doing. Our vice-president, my uncle, can't do nothing about this. I've tried to go to him. Look at how he is reacting. He can't talk to us like a grown man would sit down and listen. He is supposed to Sutch, sit down, pray, listen. He can't do that. After a couple more beers or a few shots, he would try to come at me, but I would stand my ground. Sometime later, me and my boyfriend were kicked out of the shelter because I was cussing all the other residents; feared for their safety and well-being. Which I did not understand because not once did I attempt or do anything to harm anyone. I took a surround sound system, I donated to the shelter, away from Stoney because he had it in his room the entire time after I donated it. Not once did I or other members of the shelter have the privilege to play music or hear a movie on it. So, I told him that if no one else could listen to it neither could he. So, I took it in the front door and smashed it. Following this incident, my boyfriend and I were both banned from the shelter. We weren't allowed to be there at the same time, so my mom allowed us to move in her residence. Not too long later, it become a cycle, someone from the shelter would come and ask for a ride to the bar and randoms would appear from the shelter wanting a ride or needing some place to stay because they felt unsafe. There has been a number of times also when an individual or another would be knocking on a door needing medical attention or a safe place to stay; safe place to stay because they were assaulted at this shelter. There's one day; there are some days I worry about my mom being home alone and answering the door to a belligerent drunk. There have been a couple of incidents there, she did answer the door and the drunk guy tried to bulldog his way in. It's sad to say that shelter has turned into a flophouse and a trap house. This is from someone anonymous; anonymous. We tried to take it to the district. We weren't allowed to talk about the shelter to the district because Ernest's family over there has a grip on it. We're not supposed to be like that. We're supposed to be one. We're fighting Cheyenne. We're not supposed to fight each other. It's not good when I have people coming to me when I get off of work, crying around about them residents at the shelter. There's not much I can do because it's his shelter. The most I can do is run into that person; ask him not to do that no more. Don't do that but do they listen? No. No, they don't listen, because Ernest does what he wants. Just because he's a vice president right now, he can do what he wants. Not in our district though. I'm tired of being silent. I'm tired of standing down. I'm tired of listening to all these elders come and complain to me, even Hugh Clubfoot. Stony Elkshoulder comes up; bangs on my door; kicks my

door. I tried to tell Ernest. Ernest doesn't do nothing. I said, well we're going to get something tightened up, I need you to sign it Hugh. He said I'll make a statement. I said ok, good enough; good enough. Marion and Mike, yeah, they drink. Mike drinks but still, he wants to write a complaint too. So, does Marion, Cowboy lives way out there, he had questions too. His wife and his family shut Cowboy down. I'm backing everybody in Birney that wants to do good. I'm here for the people. I might be just a little guy doing all the, all the work but still, someone has to do it. Someone has to get dirty. And I'm going to get more complaints on this and I'll bring it and present it to the council because we can't talk about this shelter in our district meetings and it's not right. It's not right at all. So that's, this is the issue I bring forth in front of the council. I would like and stress on you guys to remove the shelter from Birney. Move it; we don't need it. He wants to bring a detox center to Birney. Has he brought it to the district and presented it; ask them, can I put a detox center here. What are the elders gonna say? What is everybody gonna say? Yeah, Ernest go ahead. No, they're not. They don't want a detox center over there.

Councilwoman Fisher: Well, there's a motion on the floor, do we have a second?

Councilwoman Charette: Or do you want to go into executive?

Councilman Davie: Yes.

President Wetherelt: Do you want to go into executive session?

Councilwoman Foote: Yeah.

President Wetherelt: Ok. We will go into executive session.

Councilwoman Charette: We just have one other thing, after we come back out, that we need to do for Dull Knife.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Charette: When we come back.

President Wetherelt: Ok. We'll go into executive session at 12:33 and we will discuss this.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Ok. Thank you all.

President Wetherelt: We are back in session now at 2:01 for regular session.

OK so the council has come up with a solution. Gwen went out and inquired and you guys know what we were, what we decided. So, Ernest is gonna go down, back and let the residents of the homeless shelter know that there's not going to be no tolerance for drinking, drugs and um.

Councilman Davie: Harassment.

President Wetherelt: And what?

Councilman Davie: And harassment to the village and um, we're gonna, you're gonna get some security guards and he will work on getting that done this evening and on our part we're going to try to figure out how we're going to get a place to move the shelter within 30 days and it'll be in Lane Deer.

Councilwoman Spottedhorse: Ok.

Councilman Davie: Is there any way that, is there any way that we could help the security with fuel cost?

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, we could try.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, we can. We can try to get some cards.

Patricia Talawyma: We already have a few individuals that volunteered to do security. So we have that lined up already.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Excuse me, who do you got for security?

Patricia Talawyma: Dustin.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: We have me, Davin, Matthew, Lisa, Anthony and we were doing out of our cost before. Out of own pocket.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: It won't be good for you to be security, this morning you told me you could go check on them. I think it would be best because of what you guys want.

Patricia Talawyma: Yeah, just kind of let those other ones

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Yeah, I can take a step back. I can take a step back.

President Wetherelt: You might, yeah cause it will prevent having confrontations.

Councilman Charette: Thank you.

Councilman Davie: Thank you.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: I mean, no more confrontation. No nothing. It is better that way.

Councilwoman Gourneau: And Ernest is going to go to your district meeting on Sunday.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Ok.

Patricia Talawyma: Ok.

Councilman Davie: Kind of to acknowledge everything that has been situated here and to reassure the rest of the district and community. Which is appreciated. Thank you for that.

President Wetherelt: So, if you agree with that then.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Ok, we agree with it.

Councilwoman Charette: Thank you for coming.

Patricia Talawya: Thank you guys,

President Wetherelt: Thank you for coming in.

Dustin Goudreau, Sr.: Thank you guys

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. I have to make a motion for the add on for the CDKC funding for the library.

Councilman Davie: Does she have to withdraw her motion?

President Wetherelt: Yeah, you need to withdraw your motion. It's dead cause there was never a second.

Councilman Davie: Thank you.

MOTION TO ADD ON RESOLUTION NO. DOI-090 (2022) WITH AMENDMENT.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Norma Gourneau.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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AN AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROVIDING CONSENT TO CONDUCT THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE PRESERVATION PROJECT.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Norma Gourneau.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion:

Councilwoman Charette: Ok, Madam President, I'll read it now. My motion is to amend resolution 090 (2020) to add language. It'll be another whereas, the council approves a sub-award agreement to authorize total advance drawdown for this grant.

Councilwoman Gourneau: It should actually be a therefore.

Councilwoman Charette: Add it to the therefore be it resolved?

Councilwoman Gourneau: Yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok, that was my motion, she second it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			

Gwen Talawyma	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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Discussion:

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: One more thing guys, please. I guess you know what happen last night. Someone committed suicide. You know, I put up a resolution to hire a couple staff down there for suicide prevention and I think we really need to look at that. You know, if they were there, maybe, I'm not sure, this would have been prevented. So, we gotta look into that, hiring them 2.

Councilwoman Fisher: Well, I thought we were already in a state of emergency?

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, it's been what, 2 months.

Councilwoman Charette: We did and that's what they were doing was getting the position descriptions.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I mean, it's been 2 months now. We need somebody in there now. The state emergency, that's what, that's what we said. It should have been in there last month, not today, last month.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, the program should have never been lost or whatever happened to it but yeah.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: We don't need excuses, we need to do something about this right now. It's our people. Do we have to have another one again before we do something. I know it should have been in there. Now I wanna bring this up because it's there now again. Suicides, you know, it ain't nothing to. You don't know what people are going through. Like him, you know, he was a nice guy. We didn't know what he was going through, it just happens. Maybe he needed somebody to talk to. So, we need to do something about it. Get somebody hired, please.

Councilwoman Fisher: What about that, since you brought that up, what about the other three jobs that the tribal council advertised?

Councilwoman Gourneau: We had a meeting and nobody showed up.


Councilwoman Fisher: Do we need to screen those applicants?

Councilwoman Gourneau: We need to discuss it. We need to know who all applied.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Lets try to hire somebody, please, before this happens again.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 2:13 P.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 on this 6th day of February 2023.


Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe