

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

February 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.

INVOCATION: Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	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 *arrived @ 9:50 a.m.		X	
Gwen Spottedhorse		X	X
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	10	2	1

Quorum Established

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No updates at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Lonebear: One quick announcement. We met on the dog ordinance. We'd like to, we're scheduling a meeting for Thursday at 1:30 after council reps meet with the Culture Commission. But we'll be coming forward with a draft dog ordinance because of the recent death in Fort Hall on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. We need to work with Serena to schedule meetings very soon with the fishing game regulations and transportation.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, if you can reach out to your directors to find out so we can do a community meeting for everything.

President Wetherelt: Why don't we, let's have a meeting first and then I'll know what we need to do with the programs after that. When would be good time for you guys to meet with me?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Anytime. Most of us are here.

Councilwoman Charette: Most of us are here all week.

President Wetherelt: Tomorrow? Maybe at 1:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Charette: Let us check ours. What do we have on there?

Councilwoman Gourneau: Nothing.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. Tomorrow.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Tomorrow at 1:30. Ok.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Well, since we are having meetings, I wanted to have a discussion on this local assistance and tribal consistency fund. There's, I think we need to have a. These are all good but there is nothing in here for language. You know, some of it could go to our dialysis. Maybe we can have a working session. There's nothing for culture. Busby and Muddy got good halls already. We need something for the youth or like baseball; maybe like youth rodeos. The youth need to be doing something this summer. We need to put them on here too.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, those are all in the works. We have Councilman Limberhand that has been advocating for the youth and all those activities that you just listed.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: There's nothing, no money for the youth on here.

Councilwoman Fisher: Well, we have, we allocated this money to help

Councilwoman Gourneau: I think when we get to that budget issue, we can explain what's going on and then you'll know.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Alright.

Councilwoman Fisher: If there are no further announcements, we will go to item #1.

MOTION TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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:

President Wetherelt: I guess I would just like to add a resolution that I'd like to present on our language nest resolution. We have a grant for \$50,609 dollars that was being worked on from a former previous council member and they never expended any monies on it. So, what I wanted to do is, I wanted to transfer this to the head start program so that they can use it and address our language preservation and being able to allow for all of the head start centers to be able to have this privilege. So, I'd like to add it onto our agenda.

Councilwoman Charette: Has that budget been passed through budget and finance first?

President Wetherelt: Yeah, it was already done. Remember this is the one that Diane was doing and I guess we never did really get no updates on what was going on with it. She did have meetings and everything but there was no expenses to it. They never expensed anything on that grant.

Councilwoman Lonebear: The reason I put it on the agenda is because I don't know how the council can try to, I guess to track it. I guess track the progress because thousands of dollars have been dumped into different programs not necessarily under the tribe but for language specifically and without success, to be honest. So, I would like to see, I don't know, someone that's ambitious I guess to push it forward and to, to make a difference because unfortunately I'm one of the ones that don't speak our language and barely understand the language.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, I met with Roberta and we wanna hire somebody. We'd like to get it advertised and do a curriculum for head start because there's only two classes right now that sure that have Cheyenne speakers. But this person would be able to go to all of the centers. They would be able, we'd be able to apply for another ANA Grant that's like for five years to sustain that so it would be continued. I think, in my own opinion that, I think that's where it needs to be. That's where I'd like it to go because it's gonna continue and those the children are already learning right now. I think we may, it's kind of a, this grant is going to end September 30th but we're, but we do need to, we need to, we need to get the grant going so that we can expense it out by then.

Councilwoman Lonebear: If there's any other ANA grants, I was approached by someone that works at the Lame Deer School, that asked if the Tribe could help get a grant for the school

specifically but I'd like to see it in all of our schools because I think Colstrip actually had a better language program than Lame Deer School did when they won that language bullet the college one year. It's, it's crucial.

President Wetherelt: I know when Mildred Red Cherries, I don't know what kind of grant she had but I know she really did a good job at Lame Deer High School and those kids could speak it.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, do we have a motion on the floor?

Councilwoman Lonebear: I'll make that motion.

Councilwoman Little Eagle: I'll second it.

Councilwoman Fisher: I didn't mean to interrupt but that was just to get it on the agenda then we could have more discussion when it comes up. So, the motion to add it, it will be item number 18.

**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 Debra Charette. 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	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Charette:

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has under Article IV, Section 1., (f) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws, the power to make expenditures from available funds when authorized by resolution adopted in legal session of the Tribal Council and properly described by the budgeting process, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to make certain expenditures from those funds, and the Budget Finance Committee of the Tribal Council with recommendation by the Administration or Competent Board has considered such budget modification requests, now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the following budgets to be enacted or modified and approves the contemplated expenditures contained in the presented budgets, subject to the listed conditions, restrictions or constraints:

Program Budgets FY 23

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
815	Homeowner Assistance Fund Plan	\$2,237,602.00
New	BIL-TRP	\$734,592.00
178C	Morningstar Propane	\$300,000.00
178B	Morningstar Propane	\$1,043,655.70
345-999	LIHEAP	\$465,277.03
345A	LIHEAP	\$53,919.70

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2023

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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THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVES A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS – FISCAL YEAR 2023 ATTORNEY FEES PROPOSAL RELATED TO NORTHERN CHEYENEN TRIBE WATER RIGHTS MATTER.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Norma 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:

Jason Whiteman: Thank you. I am here for a resolution of support from the Tribal Council for the proposal for FY23, fiscal year 23 to be submitted to the BIA and it's, it's the category for attorney fees and mainly that involves, it's for protection and the attorney that we use to protect our natural resource assets. That's the main purpose of that. The amount will be for \$35,000. There's one section that needs to be corrected in here. I received an e-mail from the regional office about sections in here so there's one correction I need to make under the proposal here. Also the attorney fee cost used to be \$225 and it's down to \$200 per hour so that is the other correction that I need to make. Let's see what else. Ok that's the main thing. But the deadline was on the 13th, I submitted an unsigned copy to the regional office to meet that deadline by the resolution and the cover letter for the proposal. I only had a four-day notice; five-day notice on it. Friday, we got the notice and the deadline was this past Friday to get attorney fee proposal in. So, then I did that again with that. Then if the council approves of this resolution then I'm requesting the President to sign that cover letter. And if it gets approved to and to sign the cover letter as well as the resolution process as soon as possible. That would be through Dina here. Those are in the simple terms but it's just a proposal and if we do get funded for it then the natural resources, it'll be coming in a grant form and the natural resource department will administer that grant. We've been doing that for decades.

Councilwoman Fisher: I'll go ahead and make that motion.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Go ahead, I'll second your motion.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. I was just gonna ask, it's for \$200 and not the \$225?

Jason Whiteman: Yeah, it's not \$225, it's \$200 dollars. That's the federal guideline, BIA guidelines. I forgot to mention, excuse me, I'm sorry to interrupt. We used Jeanne Whiteing's credentials for the attorney fee grant application here. So that's the only thing. Could I make one more request, again I am interrupting. I don't know if you got the message last Friday. The regional office requested to exclude Jeanne Whiteing's driver's license from the application, grant application. When I sent it to you last week the Jeanne Whiteing', no personal information

be in on that. So, just remove the driver's license part of it out of the application. Usually we do that but just internally we do that.

Councilwoman Fisher: Item #5, Headstart Policy.

Secretary Restar: When I did talk to her on Friday, she said she has a staff meeting at nine but she thought she would make it in time.

Councilwoman Fisher: Just go ahead and move her down?

President Wetherelt: Yes.

Councilwoman Fisher: She has 2 of them so we will just move 5 and 6 down. Since I.H.S. is here, we will proceed with him.

President Wetherelt: She may be here by then.

I.H.S Update:

Damion Killsback: Good morning Tribal Council. I apologize, I thought the meeting was tomorrow. I looked at my calendar and I had a meeting early this morning with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Corrections Director about youth detention facility. So, just a few updates, I think on the agenda I said, I sent to Edina yesterday, last week. Last week we did experience a threat from a patient. It was called in as a code silver, which was an active shooter event from a threat from a patient. So, we instituted a lockdown; modified lockdown for rest of the week which convened this past Friday to have all security, working with tribal security we debriefed them to make, to have all the patients coming in and entering the building at the main entrance. Also making sure that they used the security and patient registration to make sure that they're there either for an appointment, see a provider or even our insularity services. That is what was established last week. We are going to be having some partnership with the security, tribal security, to have some trainings for the security officers and our staff on how to recognize, how to de-escalate those types of situations in the future. We have them in place but one of the other things I wanted to communicate with the tribal leadership is that we are severely short staffed now. We are down to 1 full time urgent care provider and a half time urgent care provider right now. So, we are actively recruiting. We do have a few providers coming on in March, but it doesn't really address our immediate needs right now. For the month of January, we have some uh some gaps in our urgent care schedule for the remainder of the month starting next week. So, we are working with the Billings area office to try to get some staffing in, either from Crow or across the other IHS service units but they're in the same situation. They have, we're trying to exhaust our provider contract urgent care providers to cover our urgent care departments. So more to come with that. Technically we're not designated at urgent emergency department, we're designated urgent care but I do like to try to keep our urgent care services available 24/7 so I don't want to have to close our urgent care for anytime at all. So, we are looking at the possibility of that, real possibility having to close our urgent care for at least in a few hours in the wee hours of the morning where we have the lowest, the lowest patient density should be between 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM in the morning. That's our lowest patient density in terms of user population utilizing urgent care. So, I just want to make sure I communicate that with you guys

right now before if, it may come to that. We're still looking at filling in gaps of our provider schedule, but I did want to, in the spirit of transparency that that's something that I'm looking at that I might have to do. I've talked to our area leadership, and this is a national crisis across Indian Health Service. So, right now our area director is actually, was meeting with the all the area directors for all 12 IHS service areas in Alaska last week and areas that were, I guess not as dire, did not have the dire needs that we have, such as Phoenix and Oklahoma and Navajo area all have similar situations of staffing for providers in urgent care departments are really across the country, not just the IHS health delivery system I think even in the private sector are really experiencing a shortage. So, I just request that you guys just believe that I'm going to do everything I can to make sure our doors are open and if it comes down to I don't want I'm trying to make sure that we have coverage but at the very minimum maybe we have to look at closing for those wee hours of the morning and then have transports go straight to Crow, if necessary. So, that's where we're at right now with that.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok, but you'll let our director know.

Damion Killsback: Yeah. She was on the email that I sent out last week about looking at the

Councilwoman Charette: Because she'll have to get with our EMS and everyone if that's where they are going to be going and start scheduling. Probably gonna be a change for your department to schedule ambulances to go to Crow if they shut down.

President Wetherelt: So, if there is an emergency?

Damion Killsback: If we're closed, we're gonna have to divert. Potentially, if don't have staff for coverage, the diversion will have to go to Crow for Urgent Care. We will make sure Crow is aware of that. We were trying to get their doctors to come and help us but I haven't got a response from them from the past 3 emails that I sent and calls. We'll have to have a diversion to Crow for our really urgent care patients that need services. Yeah, that's the reality of our situation right now is we just don't have the staffing. We tried, we're actually recruiting. We actually had a, brought her in last week that is an Urgent Care Urban trained doctor. We tried to bring them on. They came thru their first site visit last week to look at our facility and our community. So, hopefully that will help us in the long term get an urgent care provider in our facility. So, more to come with that. I'll keep you guys updated on how that plays out. That was the site visit we had last week. There is still some negotiation going on. They are actually at another HIS service facility right now. We would love to have them but we are gonna try to negotiate with them to try to get them on board if they are interested in coming. Question?

Councilwoman Fisher: I have a nurse, a RN, approach me about trying to get hired there. She said that she's been trying for a couple years. Well since she's been, she worked there during the emergency, she was an emergency hire during the pandemic and after her term ended, she finished her term and then she hasn't been able to get hired there. She is, she does live locally and this hasn't, she hasn't got a response back.

Damion Killsback: Yeah, I did respond to her before earlier. I saw the e-mail from her last week as well but we're in the same situation with the certification. They are a non-tribal member

they're not enrolled here and that that's one of the caveats. The other caveat is that that she does not have a four year nursing degree, she has associated of nursing degree and that requires that one year experience program outside IHS to qualify for one of our nursing position. So, that would

Councilwoman Fisher: But she provides for her children. Her husband's a Cheyenne and her children are Cheyenne.

Damion Killsback: Well, I understand that. The things that

Councilwoman Charette: The contract time does that not count towards it too?

Damion Killnight: No, it doesn't. She has to get experience, actual

Councilwoman Charette: You want to hire her but her time with the IHS

Damion Killsback: Yeah, you see, it has to be like a full year of nursing experience outside of our facility. That's one thing, believe me, I'd love to have her if I could bring her but that's one thing that my hands are tie on. I actually have talked to the area nursing consultant at Billings; had my DON work on this and I just can't help her right now cause my hands are really tied. The things that we can look at is if we can have, I don't know if you guys can do a resolution to make a recommendation to that then we can probably look at how we can lift some of those you know, cause there's things the council can for non-tribal members like if there's a non-member here that wants to be seen for health care services, a tribal resolution from the council would say we'd like this individual to be seen at the IHS.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Isn't there a waiver policy in 638 where you can request a waiver. I think we should do that.

Damion Killsback: There's no waiver process for those types, for like on boarding physicians. The only waiver that we would have would be like, for like a tribal member that could be considered for a position that they are already in for like a lateral transfer or like a

Councilwoman Gourneau: I'm not talking about that. So, we have an individual and she has credentials. Maybe not the high level that you want but she has credentials so can't we request a waiver of that one year?

Damion Killsback: Um, so

Councilwoman Gourneau: You know what, we are gonna do that and then, we'll just do that and then IHS can deal with that.

Damion Killsback: Yeah, yeah.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I have another question. This is a serious issue. What was OJS's response when they had that individual in ER?

Damion Killsback: Which individual are you referring to?

Councilwoman Charette: The one that made the threat.

Councilwoman Gourneau: The one that made you shut down.

Damion Killsback: OJS. We had the BIA come in and they actually, first individual requested. At the time, we requested that he be watched because he was still seeking medical care. He was just making verbal threats and at the time he, I guess there was escalations of previous experiences with this individual that I wasn't aware of. I was out dealing with my clinical staff and provider and nurses. When he made his threats, our provider and our nurse felt so threatened that they called in a code silver then our provider just left the facility immediately, the nurse that was actually tending to him. That was the information that I got. Bureau of Indian Affairs police were called but I guess there was a power outage. So, we have a button that triggers the call system for Bureau dispatch but that was inoperable because of the power outage last Monday. So, they actually had to get ahold of, I think one of my nurses had the cell phone number of one of the officers. I think her name was Johnson, I think, I can't remember her name. They came; they did a brief interview with the patient and basically, he was threatening our employees.

Councilwoman Charette: Was he arrested?

Damion Killsback: He was arrested. Yeah, he was arrested after

Councilwoman Gourneau: Wait, I want to hear what he has to say. I want to hear what you have to say.

Councilwoman Charette: Go ahead finish, sorry.

Damion Killsback: So, he was there. He was in our waiting room for some time and the BIA police left and our security was supposed to be watching him while the, can't remember who it was, what his name is. Well, I know what his name is but I don't know what his title is but I don't think he is BIA. It was John Grinsell who came and arrested the individual and detained him shortly after the BIA police left.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Ok, that's the point that I wanted you to point out. Law Enforcement, OJS, was called. They went over there, right? And then they left, right?

Damion Killsback: Yeah.

Councilwoman Gourneau: And then the Tribal Criminal Investigator came and arrested him.

Damion Killsback: Yeah.

Councilwoman Gourneau: But the point I'm trying to make is that OJS had a job to do and they went over there and didn't do it. So we had now, you implemented a lockdown which

harmed our people because they weren't eligible or they couldn't go to the clinic to receive care that they needed. I was getting calls saying that they were there but they were on lockdown and I can't go over there. It's real disappointing, just so that everyone knows, they continue to neglect their duties of OJS. Now, we have had Chief of Police and other people say that a lot of the OJS officers go to ER and they sit there and visit with the nurses and eat pie instead of being out in the community. I wanted to bring that up because having a modified lockdown at IHS, when you are so short staffed anyway, just adds more hardship for our tribal members. We really need to think about those things. BIA Law Enforcement not doing what they are supposed to be doing. They should have taken that individual and arrested him and did something with him so he wouldn't continue to harm or threaten your staff.

Councilwoman Charette: So, your staff would feel safe. I mean, it shouldn't of had to take our tribal people to come in and do it.

Damion Killsback: I appreciate that. I mean that's, I don't know. This is the first I've heard of these situations with OJS. I don't know what that dynamic is with the Tribe. I'm starting to really understand the dynamics with our facility. Just to be clear, a modified lockdown does not mean we're locked down. All it means is we have one central entrance and that's the main entry point for everybody to come in and out of the building. It's not that we are closed or limiting services. All it is is all our peripheral entry points are locked. So, we can't come in the back or the 2 side doors. Everyone has to come in main entrance. That's all that means for modified entrance. That's all we did for the modified lockdown. I know it seems like it's a lot more, like we're closing down services but we're not. We're just making sure that every single door in the building that has key coded has been locked.

Councilwoman Charette: And that's for the safety of your workers. You know, we hear all these things out in the community. Our security, tribal security is trying to keep your business safe and you're trying to keep your employees safe. Ok then, the one who came in and made the threats, if I hear right from what's out there, OJS was asked not to arrest him and to go ahead and let him finish with his medical care. When this threat is made, that individual should be taken care of and arrested. I'm hoping that's not any truth to that because you're responsible for your staff and we are responsible for our staff and their safety.

Damion Killsback: Ok, I think there might have been some miscommunication. Go ahead Melissa.

Councilwoman Lonebear: My question on umm, you mentioned the Crow, you requested doctors or ER urgent care help from Crow and Northern Cheyenne hospital, and they didn't respond.

Damion Killsback: Yeah, they haven't responded to me yet.

Councilwoman Lonebear: How can we, that's not acceptable.

Damion Killsback: I realize that.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Can't you reach out to the region.

Councilwoman Charette: The region should be able to say, hey, you're gonna go be detailed over here.

Damion Killsback: They are looking at other contracting physicians from other areas like Wind River was one down in Wyoming to have come staff our facility. So, we're also looking at Blackfeet and Ft. Belknap areas to have some staffing. So I'm, so I'll follow up with them today of course. Obviously, I'll keep you guys aware; the Board of Health director aware what the status of that is. Like I've been, I'm doing everything I can Melissa I really am and I really

Councilwoman Lonebear: What can we do to help because we can't have our ER closed. It's to dangerous. What can we do on our end to help?

Damion Killsback: Yeah, I think that the weight of your guys' concerns is definitely, I understand that. If you had like a, I don't know, an e-mail resolution I could send it up the chain to the Area Office, I would say like something like this, the council is really adamant about this and we really need to do something about this. Because I know I am the CEO, that's my role to operate the NCSU but and you guys are tribal leadership, you guys are government and they need to listen when you guys say something then IHS needs to take that seriously and do everything they can to accommodate that. I would definitely get that message to them. I've been on the phone, even after hours, with the area director last week and I'm trying to work with them as best I can. There's a staffing shortage across all the Indian country. I've even put in my own services as a pharmacist to help staff my pharmacy. I have two pharmacists now. So, that's one of the things I have to consider is going and working in the pharmacy for a couple of days a week to help with my staffing there. So, we're doing everything we can and I know that's not going to help keep our doors open if we don't have the staff to do it. If you guys want to send me an e-mail and I can send it up the chain, I'll definitely let the area director know of the urgency that you guys want to communicate with them.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Madam chairman because I think this is so serious, our healthcare is very, very important and so I would like to make a motion that we send notice to the Indian Health Service, the local and all the way up the chain of command to say we are very disappointed in the seriousness of the short staffing at the IHS and that we want their help to get something going for our community. I think it would different if we lived, if we were closer to other health facilities so we would have options, maybe to go somewhere else, but we don't. We're very rural. We depend on IHS for our healthcare needs and to me, this is serious so I would like to make a motion that we request IHS to seriously look at the staffing shortage at Northern Cheyenne

Councilman Davie: I'll second.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I'll draft that resolution so that we can have it but the jist is, we need assistance at Northern Cheyenne.

Councilwoman Fisher: And would that suffice for the hiring and stuff as well?

Councilwoman Gourneau: No, we can do that separate. I just want to focus on one thing. The waiver and the staffing, that can be something different. So, I made a motion.

President Wetherelt: Do you have anything else?

Damion Killsback: So, the one thing I did want to mention, one last thing on the agenda would be to, that there's a governing body meeting tomorrow with HIS. I think, I believe I sent the meeting invite to the Board of Health director as well as a few of the council members emails I do have were included on that, I believe that's what is in my calendar is tomorrow. There's a tribal community session tomorrow from, I believe 1 to 2, 1 at 2:00 PM,

Councilwoman Fisher: 1-2?

Damion Killsback: 1 to 2:00 PM tomorrow, February 7th, Wednesday or Tuesday

Councilwoman Charette: I think it has zoom on it too.

Councilwoman Fisher: Or teams

Damion Killsback: I believe it's a zoom. It's a Skype call. Unless there is anything else, you know and believe me, I'll say this again, I'm doing everything I can to try to make sure that we get our urgent care staff where it needs to be and you guys assistance and outputs is really appreciated in that. Yeah, it's umm, I'm trying, we're going to get some staff coming in in March and April but it's not really addressing our immediate needs this month. So, that's kind of the thing is that I really need, our needs are going to be for the rest of the remainder of this month and I'm trying to get more folks on. Contracting would help but ultimately you know, I'd hate, like I said, I don't wanna close those doors. Just to reiterate what Councilwomen Melissa Lonebear and Norma Gourneau said, I don't wanna have to close those doors. Although we have ER and Urgent Care in Crow that does have a responsibility to our tribe and our tribal community as well to provide services so.

A MOTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO SEND NOTICE TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AREA OFFICE TO REQUEST INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TO SERIOUSLY LOOK AT THE STAFFING SHORTAGE AT THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. 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			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START SAFETY PRACTICES, POLICY, AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START PROGRAM.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

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:

Roberta Harris: Good morning, everyone. I am presenting some policies for Head Start and a resolution of the northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving and adopting the Northern Head Start safety practices, policies and procedures for the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program.

Whereas, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start will support a safe and healthy environment for children and staff. The procedures were written in accordance with safety and hygiene practices, exposure to blood and body fluids are handled consistent with standards of the Occupational Safety Health Administration, the prevention and control of infectious diseases, and protection from contagious disease, including inclusion and exclusion policies for when a child is ill, and from and infectious disease outbreak, including appropriate notifications of any reportable illness; the handling, storage, administration, and record of the administration of medication; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the Northern Cheyenne Head Start, Communicable Disease Control, Lice Control, Exclusion of Sick Children and Blood Borne Pathogen Control, Policies, and Procedures

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING STAFF QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE EDUCATIONAL STAFF AT THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START PROGRAM.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Nizhoni Friesz.

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:

Roberta Harris: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving and adopting staff qualifications and professional development for the educational staff at the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program.

Whereas, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program will establish Staff Qualifications, Policies and Procedures in accordance with the Head Start Act 648A(a)(2)(B)(i)&(ii), 648A(a)(3)(B), Head Start Program Performance Standards 1302.91, Staff Qualifications and competency requirements and 1302.92 Training and Professional Development.

Whereas, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program staff will fulfill job responsibilities and grow professionally by attending training and taking college courses to meet staff qualifications. As a condition of employment at the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program, all the teaching staff must comply with the Employee School Course Agreement and follow staff qualifications policies and procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves the Staff Qualifications, Employee School Course Agreement Policies, and Procedures.

Councilwoman Charette: Do you have qualifications in your policy and procedures? How did you determine for number C, on page one, item 2? Is there an amount for those who receive financial assistance from head start?

Roberta Harris: Right now, all of our educational staff, we have a partnership agreement with Chief Dull Knife College and Salish Kootenai and all of that is paid for by them.

Councilwoman Charette: Paid for the whole thing?

Roberta Harris: Yes.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. And then it's three years? Is that something that you came up with or is that from head start?

Roberta Harris: It's from head start as well as our partnership with the tribal college university.

Councilwoman Charette: That they require them to work for three years after?

Roberta Harris: It's mandatory.

Councilwoman Charette: It's mandatory?

Roberta Harris: It's one of the things that we previously were written up for.

Councilwoman Charette: That's why I was asking is because you know if you're only going to give them, say 100 dollars to go to school and then require them to work for 3 years after. That's why I wanted clarification on that.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING LETTER OF SUPPORT TO USDA FOR REFORESTATION.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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:

Terry Spang: Good morning, everybody. I'm here to present the resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing letter of support to the USDA for reforestation.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe pursuant to the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Northern

Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Sections l(e) and (k) of the Constitution to engage in business that will further the economic well-being of the members of the Tribe and to protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Reservation features over 100,000 acres of forests, most of which the Tribe owns in trust;

WHEREAS, for decades, the Reservation has experienced catastrophic wildfires, which has devastated the Reservation’s forests and ecosystems;

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to support efforts to plant trees and related forest activities to promote more robust and healthier forests, climate resilience, economic development, job training and other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Climate Trust, a non-profit, has asked the Tribe if it wishes to be included as a potential beneficiary of a USDA reforestation grant The Climate Trust has recently been awarded; and

WHEREAS, to help ensure that The Climate Trust will be allowed to use the USDA funds to support future reforestation work that it might undertake with the Tribe, a non-binding letter of support has been requested from the Tribe; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby approves the attached letter to USDA and directs and authorizes the Tribal President to execute the letter.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2023 THROUGH 2037.

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			

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

Terry Spang: I am here to present another resolution. A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving the Northern Cheyenne Forest Management Plan for the period 2023 through 2037.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation by authority of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 31, 1996, and,

WHEREAS, prudent management of the forest resources on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and formally establishing a direction for forest management is of vital importance to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as part of its trust responsibility to manage the Reservation forest resources, has prepared in conjunction with the Tribe, the attached Forest Management Plan to implement best management practices and policies for the Northern Cheyenne forest resources; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves the attached Northern Cheyenne Forest Management Plan for the period 2023 through 2037 and authorizes the Tribal President to sign and execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes any and all previous resolutions regarding Forest Management Plans on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I just want to point out a few things on the Forest Management Plan. This is, I've read the document and it's very well written. What you need to understand though is one of the main differences from the previous plan to this one is that we're changing our million board feet that we're going to cut per year. So, I would like to read it. It says the forest management plan uses the latest forest inventory analysis completed in September 2018. That was for the harvest of 4.7 billion board feet of timber per year. So, that's a decrease from 6.8 and if read through this it tells you why they're doing that. I like the recommended alternative and it talks about having a real healthy forest and all the work that we're going to be doing out in the field. So, that's a good thing in the plan. The other one is, there was a survey done and I just wanted to point out the public opinion, it says issues of greatest concern to tribal members were found to be employment, water quality, tribal income and wildlife habitat. I'm glad you've included this in the Forest Management Plan. So, with that I make a motion.

Councilwoman Fisher: Thank you Terry.

Councilwoman Charette: Thank you Terry.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Thank you Terry. Thank your staff and the BIA for all their hard work.

Terry Spang: I would just like to say this plan, it started in 2015, there was a lot of work put into doing this plan and we finally get to finalize it. Thank you.

Councilwoman Fisher: Thank you.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ADDING TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATION I.H.S. P.L. 93-638 MASTER CONTRACT’S SCOPE OF WORK THE PFSA ALLOWING FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

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			

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

Kayla Grinsell: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council adding to the Northern Cheyenne Nation IHS P.L. 93-638 Master Contract’s Scope of Work the PFSA allowing for school-based healthcare services. The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health has been approved to amend the Annual Funding Agreement under Public Law 93-638 with the IHS for the purpose of including and expanding Tribal Health’s PFSA to provide comprehensive, high-quality healthcare to the people of the Northern Cheyenne Nation in school settings, and primary care, mental and behavioral health services, and health screenings, are imperative for optimal health to the people of the Northern Cheyenne Nation. Now, therefore be it resolved that as follows, amending the Northern Cheyenne Nation IHS P.L. 93-638 Master Contract’s Scope of Work to include School-Based Healthcare Services.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ALLOWING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE BOARD OF HEALTH TO SOLE SOURCE A CONTRACTOR FOR THEIR MOBILE UNITS.

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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:

Johnny Talawyma: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council allowing the Northern Cheyenne Board of Health to sole source a contractor for their mobile units. Whereas, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health has been approved to sole source a contractor to preform construction services for the Board of Health mobile trailers. The procurement process has been followed and a request for proposal has been done but no bids were entered. The request for proposal was open from December 2, 2022, through December 13, 2022. The Board of health needs the utilities connected as soon as possible to conduct operations.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL BOARD OF HEALTH TO CONTRACT WITH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE UNDER THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT FOR THE TRIBE'S PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED FUNDING.

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			

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

Maria Roundstone: A resolution authorizing and approving the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health to contract with the Indian Health Service under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act for the Tribe’s Public Health Nursing Program and Associated Funding.

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to amend its existing Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (“ISDEAA”) Contract and FY 2023 (and successor) Annual Funding Agreements to include all Public Health Nursing programs, functions, services and activities (“PFSAs”) and associated funding benefitting and available to the Tribe at all administrative levels, including the Northern Cheyenne Service Unit, Billings Area Indian Health Service and Headquarters levels; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council requests that the Administration and specifically, the Tribal Board of Health, and such consultants and attorneys as necessary, to plan and prepare to assume all Public Health Nursing programs, including the preparation of a proposal, and related documents, and negotiation of an acceptable scope of work, and associated funding; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

(1.) That the Tribal Council authorizes and approves the Northern Cheyenne Administration and Tribal Board of Health to contract with the Indian Health Service under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act for all Public Health Nursing programs, functions, services and activities, and associated funding at all available local, Area and Headquarters levels beginning May 1, 2023 and continuing indefinitely; and

(2.) That the Tribal Council desires that a proposal be developed and negotiated as soon as practically possible, and that the Tribe’s ISDEAA Contract and FY 2023 (and successor) Annual Funding Agreement(s) be amended to include the Tribe’s Public Health Nursing program, and associated funding; and

(3.) That the Tribal Council authorizes the President, the Tribal Board of Health, and its staff, consultants and attorneys to take such actions as necessary to plan and prepare for and negotiate the assumption of all Public Health Nursing PFSAs and funding benefitting and available to the Tribe.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok, we have one thing that we wanted to bring up, We were gonna take this back on May 1st because we were asked by Jennifer Lamere and she asked what the date would be of the 90 days that it gave us until May 1st, 2023 to have this program up and running.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I just wanted that as a matter of public record. Thank you.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Before we vote, one of the things I wanted to mention. I sat in one conference call for this but one of the things that the program, they didn't take into consideration our tribal members that were employed by public health nursing. So, on our end that's one thing that we need to make sure that the employees we have are being

considered for these positions. The ones that are currently there that doesn't put them without their jobs.

Councilwoman Charette: We've discussed that at board meetings where they will be offered, they're also looking at. What are those other things?

Kayla Grinsell: They will be looking at IPA's.

Councilwoman Charette: IPA's.

Councilwoman Fisher: They didn't give our public health nurses that opportunity when they took it from us.

Councilwoman Charette: and this has been in this discussion so the director of IHS also has been and on these discussions also and the phone calls.

Councilwoman Friesz: So, was there a resolution done before, just like this, but it had different dates on it?

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah.

Councilwoman Friesz: Should we be rescinding the previous one then?

Councilwoman Fisher: This is just to begin the process.

Councilwoman Friesz: Ok.

Councilwoman Fisher: Then the next one will come with the dates and stuff. Correct?

Councilwoman Lonebear: I would think so.

Councilwoman Charette: If that's the case, then we would just add that this would replace all others pertaining to this would be rescinded.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, add a be it finally resolved that this rescinds any previous resolutions. It's kind of like a disclaimer.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, the ones that are before we are replacing.

Kayla Grinsell: Ok, just add that in there?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Kayla Grinsell: Ok.

Councilwoman Charette: Therefore, finally be it resolved.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING
A CONTRACT WITH MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY MARK AND ROBYN JONES
COLLEGE OF NURSING TO PROVIDE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTHCARE SERVICES
TO NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATION.**

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				X
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving a contract with Montana State University Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing to provide school-based healthcare services to the Northern Cheyenne Nation.

WHEREAS, MSU Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing currently partners with Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program, Lame Deer Public Schools, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School to provide students access to basic healthcare screenings, and

WHEREAS, MSU Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing is a program at one of Montana’s flagship land grant institutions of higher education and complies with all federal regulations governing such organizations, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe Financial Policies, Section 1(A)(3), Competition, Non-competitive Procurement, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is empowered to approve a contract when a sole source award is permissible under the funding agency for non-competitive proposals; contracts over a threshold must be approved with signature by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council further recognizes that for this project, time is of the essence and the sole source is allowable and supported by Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health, and chooses to Sole-Source professional services for this scope of work, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, has determined that based upon MSU Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing’s proposal to partner in providing care, the package with their non-profit organization is fair and reasonable, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council desires to approve the Community and School-based Medical Services Contract with MSU Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AS FOLLOWS:

(1.) Approving Sole-Source Contract with MSU Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing for Community and School-based Medical Services.

President Wetherelt: I just have one thing. I'm the contracting officer. The president is a contracting officer for all contracts so this part should be president.

Kayla Grinsell: Ok, we'll change that.

Councilwoman Fisher: Do you have an amendment?

Councilwoman Charette: Which one was it or where's it at?

Councilwoman Fisher: Do you have an amendment, Serena? What's the amendment?

Kayla Grinsell: Where it says must be approved with signature by the tribal council, it should say President.

Councilwoman Fisher: Ok.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING CHANGES OF A COMMISSION MEMBER TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE ELDERLY COMMISSION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. DOI-097 (2022).

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				
Melissa Fisher	X			

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

President Wetherelt: Ok, I had or just replacing the Ashland district representative Dewanda Little Coyote and adding Don Bixby to the Northern Cheyenne Elderly Commission. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby concurs with the appointments of Don Bixby for Ashland District, Michelene Bearcomesout for Lame Deer District, Alice Littlesun for Busby District, Christine Freeman for Muddy District, and Patricia Oldman for Birney District members of the Northern Cheyenne Elderly Commission, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. DOI-097 (2022) is hereby rescinded.

If one of you could make that motion.

Councilwoman Fisher: Just one question. Is he going to be active?

President Wetherelt: He said he was going to be. He was one the put a letter in and we just reconfirmed it with him. We called and asked if he was still interested.

Councilwoman Fisher: Ok. So, he did turn in a letter of interest.

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE 4TH OF JULY CHIEF’S POWWOW & RODEO COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2023.

Motion made by Eva Foote. 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				
Melissa Fisher			X	

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

Councilwoman Fisher: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council appointing the Northern Cheyenne 4th of July Chief’s Powwow and Rodeo Committee for the year 2023. I’ll go to the 4th whereas.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council under Article IV, Section 1 (s), is empowered to delegate to subordinate boards or officers or cooperative associations which are open to all members of the Tribe, any of the foregoing powers, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated powers; and

WHEREAS, during this event, all CDC guidelines will be adhered to by those attending and involved in the event; and

WHEREAS, the 4th of July Chief’s Powwow & Rodeo event will take place on June 30th through July 2nd, 2023. The firework event will be held on July 3rd, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council passed and approved a resolution that appointed a Committee to oversee the event solicit for funds; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe hereby appoints the following Tribal Council members and Tribal Officers to serve as the Committee to organize, coordinate, oversee, and provide a written report at the conclusion, for the Powwow & Rodeo Celebration for the year 2023

Ok, we have some areas that are still open. I did confirm, just now with Silver, she will continue; she would like to continue as the vice chair and then to fill in rodeo manager, Donavin. They did have a rodeo meeting here the other night and or last week and Ty did confirm with Donavin that he is stepping away as rodeo manager. So, I'm not sure what took place at that meeting.

Councilman Limberhand: At the meeting we, Ryhal, Ryhal is the one that wanted to be rodeo manager. Well, we chose Ryhal.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, at the meeting, they voted on officers; on an officer?

Councilman Limberhand: Yup.

Councilwoman Fisher: And so, they voted for Ryhal to run the rodeo committee. So, is that who we would put as rodeo manager, or would we put Donavin in as rodeo manager and she would be under him?

Councilwoman Gourneau: I would prefer to have Donavin as the rodeo manager.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, we will put you on the resolution.

Councilman Limberhand: Alright.

Councilwoman Fisher: So it will be, chairman/coordinator, myself, Co-Chair: Melissa Lonebear, Vice Chair: Silver Little Eagle, Treasurer: Kristi Killsnight, Vendor Coordinator: Linda Bahr, Secretary: Alicia Cano, Rodeo Manger: Donavin Limberhand, Fireworks; Randy Elliott, Parade Marshall: Robert Simpson, At large, community member: Keith Shoulderblade.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Who's got security?

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIORITIZING AND ALLOCATING LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUNDS (LATCF) FOR GENERAL REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS.

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	1 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Fisher: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council prioritizing and allocating local assistance and tribal consistency funds (LATCF) for general revenue enhancement programs.

Whereas, The Tribal Council has received fund from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund whose purpose is to serve as a general revenue enhancement program and recipients have broad discretion on uses of funds similar to the ways in which they may use funds generated from their own local revenue sources; and

Whereas, the Tribal Council is allocating \$3,247,637.00 of its Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds for the following projects and initiatives which will improve delivery of services to our communities and to maintain and expand public services; now,

Therefore be it resolved that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby prioritizes and allocates Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds, received from the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I was just telling him that our cash program match, generally all of those funds come out of the permanent fund. So, we're moving those funds to be paid out of this account. It will free up funds in the permanent fund for other purposes and we've left that blank. We haven't made a decision on any of that because we know that there's a lot of need; there's a lot of interest in doing things for our elderly, our teens, our youth. Their spending is going to be available in the permanent fund.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: So, the permanent, this is where the money is going on these?

Councilwoman Gourneau: Yes, from this fund.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: Why are there no youth on here? Language?

Councilwoman Gourneau: Because the youth, the youth is paid out of the permanent fund. So, because we are going to pay for these, it leave money in the permanent fund. So now we are going to have to develop a budget on the permanent fund.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: You guys got good buildings for Busby and Muddy. What are you guys gonna add next?

Councilwoman Charette: We still need to have them remodel for the equipment that was bought.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Because Ashland and Birney got theirs remodeled so now, Muddy and Busby are going to get theirs remodeled.

Councilwoman Fisher: When we had that CARES money, we bought that kitchen equipment. The same equipment for all the halls. Busby and Muddy halls need their kitchen equipment installed. I know Muddy's needs some roofing issues and some other stuff that needs to be fixed.

Councilwoman Gourneau: And Busby's needs a bathroom.

Councilwoman Fisher: Their halls need to be renovated and the kitchen equipment needs to be installed.

Councilwoman Charette: And hers needs a bathroom first so they can have water so they can have a restroom inside the hall.

Councilwoman Fisher: At the time when we were making those decisions, Lame Deer District was getting a whole new hall so all of that was included in there, the plans for the kitchen and stuff that's why we didn't get the kitchen equipment and stuff for Lame Deer because they were getting a whole new hall or getting one built.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, these are buildings that already existed and all this money is being dumped into them. It was before our time but, Donovan and I were talking about it this morning. This is the hub; this is the hub of the reservation and Lame Deer does not have a community hall and we're restricted from using these other buildings for different reasons. I mean not like accessible enough for membership. Is there plans for a hall for Lame Deer or was there money allocated and is it still there? What do we need to do to?

Councilwoman Gourneau: We have drawings, today we have schematics and everything for the Lame Deer hall.

Councilwoman Charette: And what happened was that, there was the question of where are they gonna put it? Everybody wanted part of that and so then that kind of got taken off. Then we were trying to put it in with the food bank and then that also got changed. Then we were having, there was so many other ideas out there that it just didn't work.

Councilwoman Gourneau: We do have a schematic if you guys want to look at it.

President Wetherelt: What about this, where we were gonna have the umm, just right across the street here where we were gonna have the Justice Center. Could we put it there?

Councilwoman Gourneau: Well, there's room there and there's room across the street too.

Councilwoman Lonebear: But is there's still money somewhere for this?

President Wetherelt: They did put aside \$1,000,000 dollars for it.

Councilwoman Charette: No.

Councilwoman Friesz: I thought it was \$100,000.

President Wetherelt: Oh, was it \$100,000.

Councilwoman Friesz: The last ARPA funds that we had. I think it was \$100,000 that was allocated.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, and then like Torrey had a good idea about the commodity program too. If that building was not going to be used to renovate it and use it as a hall.

Councilwoman Lonebear: We need something bigger. Right across, you know when you first go in.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

President Wetherelt: We could probably put it there across from that shade part, yeah. But they wanted extra showers, kind of like, you know, for people like during the pow wow that can go there and shower and stuff.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, the schematics, the plans that we have, how much was it?

Councilwoman Charette: I can't remember.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Who has them? Ranessa?

Councilwoman Gourneau: No, Colton does.

Councilwoman Fisher: Colton has them.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I'll take a look at them.

President Wetherelt: If we need more money, I think we should kind of be a priority since we don't even have one.

Councilwoman Lonebear: It needs to be a priority.

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah.

President Wetherelt: Yeah. I think some of this, we could take some of the some of the, well like this Housing Authority payment, \$89,000. I don't even know if we have anything in writing on it.

Councilwoman Charette: We have to negotiate. That's what the council will do.

President Wetherelt: Yeah because it's umm. You know, if they have stats of when they used them. Because like Birney, Gwen told us that they've never used Birney's. You know, I guess it was available but nobody, they never put anybody in there.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Well, that's a good question. I went to one housing meeting and there is a meeting tonight that I can't make. So, whoever the other liaisons are should probably go.

Councilwoman Charette: I'm going because I want to propose

President Wetherelt: Yeah because we should have some business stats. I know that Lame Deer's got used quit a bit.

Councilwoman Lonebear: We have homes that aren't lived in. We have people that need homes and those home need to be lived in.

Councilwoman Gourneau: And that's what Debbie is going to talk to the Housing board about tonight.

Councilwoman Charette: Because there's stuff not done that was on our side and there was agreements on those and then stuff that was not done on their side. This is the middle ground so we can all start over at zero.

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: What's this buffalo contract?

Councilwoman Gourneau: We put aside money to manage the buffalo. Then we put aside money to manage the, umm.

Councilwoman Charette: Fish and wildlife.

Councilwoman Gourneau: the fish and wildlife.

Councilwoman Charette: Trying to gear up so we can

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: Fish and wildlife, is that a umm.

Councilwoman Charette: That'll be something new also.

Councilwoman Lonebear: That's one of the things, we have to take those regulations out. We have to get this moving.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, we can clean up our ponds and plant new fish. Just get our recreation areas cleaned up. I'm for that because at some these events you know, people go out there and fisher and walk and look around. It used to be a beautiful place to be but now you know, people go out there and make a mess.

Councilwoman Charette: Same with the Busby water. We've looked at the water. We've seen examples and pictures of the water also. Something that we are looking at.

Councilwoman Fisher: Our water ponds need to be cleaned out and made healthy again so we can get new fish in there and make it look nice again.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: So we are hiring a manager for the buffalo?

Councilwoman Gourneau: We haven't hired anybody.

Councilwoman Charette: We haven't hired nobody. We are trying to get started but we need a budget to get started. That's with all of these, we need a budget.

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: The thing we need to really start looking at is these buffalo right now. Like Donavin bought some hay for them. Ask transportation if they can fix a road out there. Hopefully they can fix the road and start feeding them.

Councilwoman Fisher: We need to buy more feed; we need to fix the fence; we need to put more water out there. You know, there's a lot of improvements and stuff that we need to do to take care of them.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, I don't think there's been a recent count either. After they all had babies. We had a count before then and now we have no idea how many new buffalo we have.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, it'll good be to have somebody out there.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, since it was brought to our attention, that's what we figured part of this money would be good for is the buffalo, fish and wildlife, for water. Then, also our employees on the 401K. So, we are looking at a broad band of different programs that need money and that's what this budget is for.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
ESTABLISHING A LEGACY FUND TO ASSIST THE TRIBE'S SENIOR CITIZENS.**

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: Madam President, Vice President and council, I have before you a resolution that would establish a legacy fund to assist the tribe’s senior citizens. Through Resolution No. 042 (2021), the Tribe established that tribal members who have reached the age of 60 years are considered a senior citizen (elder) for purposes of eligibility for services and/or other benefits they are entitled to. The Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne desires to develop and maintain a Fund similar to the Northern Cheyenne Permanent Fund which was established to provide a source of income to assist the Tribe to protect the health and general welfare of the Tribe. The Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne will establish a fund that will be specific to assisting those tribal members who are deemed senior citizens and that the fund shall be titled the “Legacy Fund.” The Northern Cheyenne Tribe received a settlement from the Ramah Settlement Indirect Fund and a portion of those funds shall be used as startup funds for the Legacy Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby establishes a Legacy Fund from funds to be set aside from the Ramah Settlement Funds with said funds to be invested by an experienced trust fund manager; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council shall develop policies and procedures concerning the establishment of this Fund and that funds are to be held in principle and only the interest, dividends earned from the investments shall be used to issue payments to the senior citizens of the Tribe in accordance with the Policies established for the Legacy Fund.

That is my motion.

Councilwoman Lonebear: One question. Who will develop the policies and procedures?

Councilwoman Gourneau: The council and the attorneys.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
APPOINTING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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			

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

Councilwoman Lonebear: This is a resolution appointing an advisory committee for the U.S. Department of Treasury Housing Assistance Fund Grant. There's blanks. We talked about it amongst ourselves and we figured we could appoint three tribal council, one from administration and one from the central finance office. We'd like to establish this committee just so the assistance that's given out is fair across the board.

President Wetherelt: So, you're not gonna like, if that's all your gonna

Councilwoman Lonebear: Just an advisory committee so we can and I didn't get a copy of

President Wetherelt: Are you going to like print applications and see or what is the, what is your policy?

Councilwoman Lonebear: No, to establish policies or to establish like a

Councilwoman Charette: Whatever policies they have in place that they followed.

Councilwoman Lonebear: That they are being followed and that the amounts that are given out are fair to the membership. So we can reach as many of our tribal members as possible. In the initial grant that I got a copy of, a lot of, I think the majority of it was for home mortgages which really doesn't pertain to our reservation. There are people who live off the reservation that need that assistance but not the majority. So, that's why we want to establish this committee.

President Wetherelt: So, you are going to give our local people, that live on our reservation, priority than the ones that are off.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I wouldn't say priority. But just so, like if there is a section for mortgages, there's a section for renovations, there's a section for energy assistance, for rent. So all the same amounts are given out per person rather than one person getting ten thousand dollars and another getting five thousand dollars. So, everyone is treated fairly.

President Wetherelt: William is not here today but I think he would, you know, if this is what you guys want to do, then I think, you know, you guys need to, because there is, they do have the guidelines for this. Maybe you guys

Councilwoman Charette: I think that's what we want to make sure is that those guidelines are being followed.

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, we could put him on for the administration side. He would be ideal for it.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, because he knows pretty much. He's the one that worked with treasury on all of that stuff.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, William for admin?

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: Who is the accountant? Which accountant is this under?

Councilwoman Lonebear: I don't know. Which accountant is it under? Do you know?

President Wetherelt: I think it's Terrance.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. So, maybe put Terrance for finance.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Terrance from central finance.

Secretary Redstar: What is Terrance's last name?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Limpy. I put it on the group chat. I don't know who is interested for the council.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Say so now if you are interested.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I will.

Torrey Davie: I will.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok, Torrey. Anybody else?

President Wetherelt: So, the two Melissa's and Torrey.

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah.

President Wetherelt: Melissa Lonbear, Melissa Fisher, Torrey Davie, William Walksalong and Terrance Limpy.

Councilwoman Lonebear: That is my motion It also includes be it further resolved that the HAF Grant Advisory Committee will meet regularly; we'll set that up as we go along; and provide monthly reports and updates to the Tribal Council and Administration.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RECONFIRMING ITS AUTHORIZATION OF THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT OR DESIGNEE(S) TO COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE LANGUAGE NESTS GRANT, AN ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS (ANA) GRANT AWARD AND RECOGNIZING THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNATION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEADSTART PROGRAM AS THE LEAD TRIBAL AGENCY THAT WILL COORDINATE WITH THE LANGUAGE BASED VOLUNTEERS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF A LANGUAGE PRESERVATION ACTION PLAN.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. 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				X
Melissa Fisher	X			

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

President Wetherelt: WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council passed Resolution No. DOI-084 (2021) that sets the restoration of the Cheyenne language as a priority, creates multiple task forces to create a comprehensive language restoration action plan and the Tribal Council authorized the Tribal President's office to coordinate the task force formulations which includes the Language Nests Project as a component of the comprehensive language preservation action plan for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribal President's office has designated the Northern Cheyenne HeadStart Program to be the lead Tribal agency to implement the Northern Cheyenne Language Nests project funded by ANA; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council reconfirms the Tribal President's, or designee, authority to coordinate and implement the Northern Cheyenne Language Nests grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Tribal Council action designating Northern Cheyenne HeadStart Program as the lead Tribal agency for the implementation of ANA grant award number 90NX0205-01-00 supersedes any conflicting resolution or ordinance.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I think it's a good idea. I just want to make sure that the Head Start is focusing on conversational Cheyenne rather than reading and writing and all of that. Because I think if our young people learn conversational Cheyenne, that's a better preservation of our language than waiting until they get into college to learn to read it. I just want to make sure that is a priority.

Councilwoman Fisher: Can she give us reports?

President Wetherelt: Yeah, she probably can. The first thing that she needs to do is advertise for the position and then meetings will start. Then we could initiate

Councilwoman Fisher: She only has until September so can you expedite the process?

President Wetherelt: Yeah. Once this gets passed, she can go ahead and advertise.

Councilwoman Lonebear: They'll only have how many months of classroom time with them?

President Wetherelt: It'll start, she's gonna try to get everything, cause the curriculum will need to be done. Then, so once they get that done and they order whatever

Councilwoman Lonebear: We need to give a deadline for the curriculum at least because now we only have

Councilwoman Gourneau: Well, Head Start ends in May

Councilwoman Lonebear: Yup, April, May and then half of August and September. That's only three and a half months left of this grant.

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Councilwoman Lonebear: What else is pending? I mean, what else is just sitting there that we don't know about? That's why I brought it up because it was brought to my attention that that money was sitting there.

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Councilwoman Lonebear: There's stuff that we're missing out on. They're asking different age groups. I don't know.

President Wetherelt: Well, they are probably going to run into the same thing too but once

Councilwoman Lonebear: No, it's our job to get funding for it and to figure out a program that's going to work because like she said the conversational Cheyenne needs to be taught. Especially with Head Start kids because they can't read yet.

Councilwoman Charette: Well, with this short time period, why is she just hiring one? Why can't she hire like

President Wetherelt: She can. That's why we put on here they can have volunteers. They can do volunteer. We talked about this and whoever gets into this and they can get volunteers if they would like but it would be full and they would go to one center each day and they would be taught the same thing.

Councilwoman Fisher: But, what I'm saying is school is going to end. Is she going to offer this service thru the summer?

President Wetherelt: We didn't talk about the summer, but we wanted to get everything done. She is going to apply for another ANA grant that's for five years and it'll sustain that.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Just remember, for ANA, if we are not doing anything with this grant, we are not eligible for another one.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, they have to meet their objectives and that's why they need more than one person.

Councilwoman Charette: She can hire three for that short time period. Three full time ones and just get them out there and start.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Really focus and just get it off the ground.

Councilwoman Fisher: You might just need to do emergency hire then skip the HR.

Councilwoman Gourneau: There are people in our community that have taken that State Language Certification. I don't know what's it called.

Councilwoman Fisher: But, with the short time frame, you could bypass the HR because we are in a state of emergency for language already by resolution. So, you could just probably use that to do your emergency hires rather than the long process.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, we could probably do that.

Councilwoman Gourneau: So, the purpose of this resolution is to transfer the responsibility of the ANA Grant to Head Start, right?

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I'll make that motion.

Councilwoman Little Eagle: I'll second.

Councilwoman Charette: With a sense of urgency.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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 Talawyma				X
Melissa Fisher	X			

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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:17 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions on this 23rd day of February 2023.


Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe