

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**  
August 21, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>Personal</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Torrey Davie</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Serena Wetherelt, President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>Medical</b>
<b>Nizhoni Friesz</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	

Quorum Established

**ITEM #1 – DISTRICT UPDATES – NO DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

**ITEM #2 – BUDGETS**

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available funds.

**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 FY23**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
718	EPD	\$809,035.00
580	EPD	\$829,764.00
551B	WIOA-SYS	\$42,105.97
595A	NC DOT	\$679,964.51
606	NC TTP	\$84,119.00
699	NCDOT	\$990,650.59
632	JOB PLACEMENT/TRAINING	\$566,633.00
570A	LIHEAP	\$16,738.65
316	CHILDCARE	\$269,857.15
316A	CHILDCARE	\$47,621.85
318	CHILDCARE	\$877,805.10
318A	CHILDCARE	\$160,200.90
318C	CHILDCARE	\$30,000.00
304A	CHILDCARE	\$132,358.34
325	CHILDCARE	\$192,649.95
325A	CHILDCARE	\$33,997.05
327A	CHILDCARE	\$175,369.95
327	CHILDCARE	\$963,763.05
NEW	CHILDCARE	\$28,074.62
NEW	CHILDCARE	\$26,024.94
NEW	CHILDCARE	\$26,378.44
NEW	NC TRIBAL FORESTRY	\$55,000.00
455	HEADSTART	\$1,528,884.00
146	ELDERLY	\$38,477.00
136	GRAZING	\$383,809.17
510	THPO	\$11,821.51
417	THPO	\$91,308.00
391A	LIWHAP	\$12,381.90
NEW	NATIVE EMPLOYMENT WORKS	\$62,299.03

That is my motion.

**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 Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 vote(s) Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**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 FY24**

<b><u>FUND</u></b>	<b><u>PROGRAM NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>NATIVE EMPLOYEMENT WORKS</b>	<b>\$58,456.00</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>LAND BOARD</b>	<b>\$27,845.73</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>JOB PLACEMENT/TRAINING</b>	<b>\$142,093.73</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>PROSECUTION</b>	<b>\$345,188.00</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>TRIBAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$154,113.00</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>HEALING HEARTS</b>	<b>\$87,984.00</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>SAFE ON ALL ROADS</b>	<b>\$64,687.63</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>HIP</b>	<b>\$56,685.83</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>NC FIRE PROTECTION</b>	<b>\$79,971.00</b>
<b>297B&amp;C</b>	<b>HEADSTART</b>	<b>\$864,459.00</b>
<b>455</b>	<b>HEADSTART</b>	<b>\$1,528,884.00</b>
<b>850C</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$2,500,000.00</b>
<b>050</b>	<b>INDIRECT COST</b>	<b>\$4,118,550.00</b>
<b>407</b>	<b>TRIBAL FORESTRY</b>	<b>\$652,637.47</b>
<b>450</b>	<b>JOHNSON O'MALLEY</b>	<b>\$94,152.52</b>
<b>905</b>	<b>PP&amp;L SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>\$57,006.64</b>
<b>387A</b>	<b>ELDERLY</b>	<b>\$7,698.00</b>
<b>387C</b>	<b>ELDERLY</b>	<b>\$48,727.00</b>

387D	ELDERLY	\$7,198.00
264	THPO	\$35,393.68
268	THPO	\$18,942.49
280	THPO	\$44,666.50
510	THPO	\$9,821.51
615	THPO	\$8,600.00
643	THPO	\$29,590.00
667	THPO	\$8,000.00
789	THPO	\$5,076.00
654	NC HUMAN SERVICES	\$86,789.00
739	NC HUMAN SERVICES	\$408,937.00
595A	NC DOT	\$679,964.51
595C	NC DOT	\$810,532.38
595D	NC DOT	\$57,834.00
595G	NC DOT	\$702,110.66
595H	NC DOT	\$458,093.62
595K	NC DOT	\$627,158.91
618	ROAD MAINT.	\$125,228.59
699	ROAD MAINT.	\$301,087.36
830A	ARPA ADMIN.	\$795,786.40
830B	ARPA PROG./PLANNING	\$2,612,704.61
830E	ARPA WATER	\$2,049,683.68
830F	ARPA SEWER	\$2,280,922.20
830G	ARPA PUBLIC HEALTH RESP.	\$1,409,164.05
830H	ARPA REVENUE LOSS	\$2,735,099.33
830I	ARPA ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$29,675,763.22
830J	ARPA PREMIUM PAY	\$4,398,953.66
830K	ARPA IT & COMM.	\$572,666.18
830L	ARPA BUILDING/INFRAST.	\$5,385,171.35
830M	ARPA INCIDENT COMMAND	\$613,326.61
830N	ARPA SECURITY	\$1,405,727.06
830P	ARPA INVESTIGATIVE SERV.	\$416,717.24
840	JUSTICE CENTER	\$400,000.00
840D	TRIBAL EDUCATION	\$309,090.00
840M	TRIBAL SERVICES	\$309,090.00
108	LAND BOARD	\$500,000.00
145	THPO/NCCC	\$30,000.00
162	TERO	\$467,726.99
610	HEALING HEARTS	\$369,332.00
619	HEALING HEARTS	\$92,042.50
689	HEALING HEARTS	\$151,658.00
815	HAF	\$2,237,602.00
913	ADMINISTRATION	\$15,000.00
934	ADMINISTRATION	\$30,000.00
696	ROSEBUD LODGE	\$278,956.05
694	NCIS	\$591,316.98

389	THIP	\$6,209,193.03
695	TOR	\$288,435.00
698	HEART FUND	\$62,500.00
724	WIC	\$124,418.00
745	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERG.	\$90,617.87
747	HEALTH PRO. PREP.	\$25,729.83
NEW	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY COLLECTIONS	\$1,169,316.55
NEW-A	BOH ADMIN.	\$1,963,009.88
NEW-B	HEALTH PROM. PROG.	\$547,710.08
NEW-C	EMS	\$1,355,619.09
NEW-D	CHR	\$500,916.44
NEW-F	RECOVERY	\$1,423,718.56
NEW-G	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$643,727.12
NEW-H	SECURITY/HOUSEKEEPING	\$1,045,404.23
NEW-I	TSHIP	\$1,418,206.42
NEW-A	AFA CARRYOVER	\$7,246,274.89
NEW-B	BUILDING CARRYOVER	\$1,506,356.20

That is my motion.

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AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS  
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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 Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**ITEM #3 – RESEARCH PROJECT ON CHILDREN’S READING ACQUISITION**

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Roberta Harris would like to table this item to the next meeting. She needs to make arrangements for the lady to be present.

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			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**ITEM #4 – FY’24 LIHEAP PLAN**

**LETHA WHITEWOLF: WHEREAS;** the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is applying to continue the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program pursuant to Title V of the Human Services Act of 1986, P.L. 97-35, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes and approves the use of funds for expenditure to operate the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for the Fiscal Year 2024.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

Motion made by Torrey Davie. 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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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## ITEM #5 – HISTORIC HEAD CHIEF YOUNG MULE HILL

**CONRAD FISHER:** Gives his presentation in the Cheyenne language.

Good morning ladies and gentleman. I just wanted to share the story of Young Mule and Head Chief as it is depicted in the resolution and I won't go into the details but rather talk a little bit about the significance of this historic event. In 1890 when Head Chief chose to die fighting like a warrior. It hadn't been too long in 1876 where the Battle of the Little Bighorn occurred. Last of the, one of the last of the major, it wasn't exactly the last battles that we had with the US Government but it was significant because it shook the world because they had an icon that was killed there and that was George Custer. After that the last major battle we had, of course, was over at Ft. Robinson as they were coming back home in 1879 but previous to that we had probably 6 or 7 major battles as well. At that time, these 2 young men, and really the societies back then, the warriors still had that mentality, fighting mentality to protect the way of life and because Head Chief was still to young to fight in the Little Bighorn Battle, where Long Hair was wiped away, his dad would kind of give him, tell him that you're not a man, you haven't fought in a battle. So, he kind of had a chip on his shoulders but his young friend, Young Mule, sort of idolized him. That was sort of the mentality that they had. He chose to die in battle. That was the bottom line. In a song that was given to me, in there is says, I don't have any confidence in the red house. Those are the words to the song that he sang, Head Chief sang before he ran down. Societies protected him while he got ready to do his thing up there. The significance of that is historic in nature. There have been movies made about that. The one that I can think of is War Party but it was a modern-day scenario but the thought was the same. These were young men and Young Mule chose to go with Head Chief. Can you imagine and 13-14-year-old saying that I'm going to do the same thing that you are going to do, die in battle. Back then they were making that transition into a different way of life but these 2 chose not to do that. The justice system of the Cheyenne was different from the system that we were placed under and that was you got to Miles City for murder. In the Cheyenne way, it was a little different. They chose what they thought was best for them. After that, of course, there were a couple of things that happened, major things. One, most of the non-Indian land owners were moved away in exchange with people that were living along the Otter Creek Road, Otter Creek drainage area. The Cheyenne were moved to the reservation. Sort of a land exchange and that was something that I know early on that the Tribe was wanting to litigate because of that exchange. They felt it was unfair. The second thing that happened was that this reservation was expanded so that they could avoid that type of conflict again to its present geographic state. Almost 4 hundred fifty thousand acres of land. Because of this event. My hope is that the council will recognize the significance. This is part of, not just the family's history but everybody's history and that we can memorialize and honor these 2 young men for their heroic deed in the Cheyenne way previous to reservation days when they fought. Whether it was the military or other tribes, that you would dress in your best regalia because going into battle, that was the highest honor you could get was to die in battle. To die in a cause that you believe in and that was to protect your family; to protect the way of life; to protect your resource. Whatever the case may be, you dress in your finest outfit. Headdresses were not just for chiefs back then, it was for the warriors. They would have different types of animal symbols on them. Different animals on their headdresses for

protection. That was a way of life. Of course, it's changed over the reservation days. The significance of the headdress. That's another story. The fact remains that these 2 young men dressed that way as they died in battle. There is still a stone, and I've shown this to a number of Tribal leaders, right there by the Mormon hill on the other side, the stone is still there where Head Chief had fell. That's where he was killed. They use to have rocks that came, if you remember that old black sawmill. There use to be a sawmill across from the casino. There was a sawmill. He ran in that direction but they have since been removed because of development. We are trying to make it into a historic site. We started when Steve Brady was here. It's a long process to preserve historic places. The ground work was done back then. We just need to make a few modifications on the application itself because it's been a long time but that's still ongoing and I'm hoping that we can get that done this fall or early next spring. There're some landowners that have some property there. Tribal, of course. There's development there but we have a pretty good handle on the history of this. We are wanting to do all this but in the interim, we would like, every year, to recognize that historic event. That history of the Cheyenne people. I am here today, not to request for financial assistance but just to have the support of the Council and make it an annual event so that this is part of the Cheyenne history that we can recognize this very important historic event. If we qualify and I'm sure that we will, very confident that that can be a historic site similar to the Deer Medicine Rocks historic site which would be protected in perpetuity. Meaning that from that point on there would be no development there and we could use that as a part of our history so that people will know and understand. It's been talked about throughout the history of, since that time it happened. The Bailey's, Jack Bailey and his family, they were relatives of this young man. They have a history about it, as well, and of course they had a journalist there. There are many different interpretations of this but we want to do it from the people that actually fought there and how we know this history. I am hoping to get your support on this and I really appreciate you allowing me to make this presentation.

**VICE PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.:** Speaks in the Cheyenne language.

**CONRAD FISHER:** Before he makes a vote on this he wants me to share that before that title of this hill was changed, it used to be called squall hill and that was very disrespectful to the women of this nation. Especially the Indian women so it subsequently has been changed to what it should have been titled, Head Chief Young Mule Hill.

**VICE PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.:** Nease. Yes.

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE HISTORIC HEAD CHIEF YOUNG MULE HILL IN LAME DEER, MONTANA AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO DESIGNATE THE SITE AS A NATIONAL HISTORICAL SITE INTO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			



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

<b>7 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ITEM #6 – WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT - PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Motion to table since Silver is not here to present it. Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ADD ON ITEM – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EDMAN BUILDERS**

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I got this from Brian late otherwise it would have been on an agenda request. But this will help us end everything in a good way with Edman Builders and keep our sub-contractors happy. That was the Cobb Contract that was approved. We will be able to start our transit building for transportation. I make a resolution approving a mutual settlement agreement and release between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Department of Transportation and Edman Builders.

**WHEREAS,** a dispute arose concerning the parties’ compliance with certain terms of the Construction Contract, which culminated in litigation proceedings before an arbitration panel in American Arbitration Association Case No. 01-2022-0003-7674 (the “Arbitration Action”), and

before the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Court in *Northern Cheyenne Tribe v. Edman Builders, LLC*, Case No. CV2022-185 and its subsequent appeal to the Northern Cheyenne Appellate Court bearing the same case number (collectively, the “Tribal Action”);

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe and Edman Builders have reached the attached Mutual Settlement Agreement and Release to affect a full and final resolution of any and all disputes or claims between them in the Arbitration Action and the Tribal Action and any other matters, which includes a limited waiver of the Tribe’s sovereign immunity to enforce the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has determined that approval of this Resolution and of the Mutual Settlement Agreement and Release are in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mutual Settlement Agreement and Release, including the limited waiver of sovereign immunity, is hereby approved and President Wetherelt and Transportation Director Spear are authorized and directed to sign and carry out the terms of the Agreement.

That’s my motion and the agreement is attached.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING MUTUAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE, NORTHERN CHEYENNE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND EDMAN BUILDERS**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ADD ON ITEM – CARING FOR INDIGENOUS MONTANANS**

**STEPHANIE IRON SHOOTER:** Good morning Madam President and Council members. My name is Stephanie Iron Shooter. I am the Office of Indian Health Director of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. I am here today to present a tribal resolution obtaining your permission to move forward with a project that we’re doing through the Montana Office of Rural Health called Caring for Indigenous Montanans. If you look through the documents that were handed out. I guess high level, I just wanted to let you know that doing Tribal specific information

on the health of tribal members for the Northern Cheyenne people. So, each Tribe did the same thing. We are trying to understand like the history of the Northern Cheyenne people. Just kind of high level. Also, what does health mean to you and in your own way of life and really elevate that to a level that could try to begin to balance out the health disparities that most people in Montana see. I really want to help balance that out by doing this filming project where tribal members are being elevated in their own words and in their own way, in their own language about their own health and how it impacts it. Like the border town health impacts, it. Also, good stuff too but a balance of good, bad and indifferent. You know, really wanting to elevate the tribal members' voices. Also, wanting to recruit some providers from the area. Either from Northern Cheyenne area. I could be I.H.S. or the clinic if you 638 some programs out of there that are non-native providers that work well with the Northern Cheyenne people because it's going to be utilized as a training tool on the Montana Office of Rural Health website where folks don't know. People can go on there and at least get acclimated before they make first contact to come out and visit or offer some kind of service or if they're coming here to work for the Northern Cheyenne people around health. There is way more to come than this. This is the beginning of a process that I really want to develop through the Office of American Indian Health through the department. Some of the training topics, of course, are colonization and historical trauma on tribal specific history and traditions, your own perspectives of your own health, cultural humility and health care delivery. I am looking for any kind of recommendations, as well, kind of big picture eventually coming back with you with kind of the final product and show it to you and say, is this okay, is this okay with you? The members will get to see it, whoever gets interview. I've already spoke with Director Grinsell about the project. Also, Joey Littlebird, your public relations manager, I believe. He called me last week and had questions about it. I let him I was coming here to get your official permission to do that. That's the resolution that is in front of you. Just so you know, it's not in there but there is a small funding amount of \$18,000 dollars. What the others Tribe's did was. Well, they were all different in how they disbursed that funding. Some of them did their cultural committees. They gave \$9,000 to one committee and \$9,000 to the other. Some of them did the individual, like honorariums to tribal members whoever gave the interviews. Some of them did that. It just kind of depended on. Some of the used it for their culture camp. It just kind of depended on the Tribe and the Tribal Council, whatever they wanted to do with that funding. So, that is really up to you all and I do not dictate that nor do I pick your members. That's who you will choose. I'm not going to choose them. You will choose them, or Kayla or whoever you assign to the project. We have a date set aside. The last time I presented there wasn't a quorum but I was able to set a date and its actually Monday. If that's not okay with you that's ok. Monday was to come out and bring our film crew out here to do the filming with select folks that Joey was already thinking about. Also, landscape. We come in and maybe take pictures in here. You know, which landscape items would you like us to film. I know there's a lot of history here. We could go to each community. We could go to, Birney, Ashland. We can go wherever you want us to. He has a drone. He can flyover. He's really good at this. You should see some of the footage that has already been captured. It's so beautiful. Our people are so beautiful and I really want to showcase that through this project and tribally specific. You'll see also in your packet are the film details. There're several questions here. It doesn't have to be these questions when we interview the people that are going to be interviewed. It's anything that you want to talk about. Anything this person wants to talk about. Some people will say, well, you know and I do know this statistic for St. Vincent's, the highest American Indian population that goes into St. Vincent's ER are Northern Cheyenne people. I was like, what, really? How and for what? So, I want to break it down even

more, like for what and how and all this. That was interesting to me. So, how does St. V's work with the Northern Cheyenne people? Know what I'm saying? How do the hospitals work with the Northern Cheyenne people? Do you know what I'm saying? How do the hospital and where ever your people are referred to, how do they get the service and how well is it? How do you receive the services that you get? Good, bad or indifferent because I've heard it all across. I've heard horror stories but then I've also heard really good stories like, oh, that place has a good place. They let us smudge there or whatever it is. So, it's kind of whatever the interviewees want to share with the world. This could be national, I think. Just the beginning, like I said, it's just the beginning. These are just some questions that you can review and look at for what the folks will be asked during the interview or like I said, we are going to let them go how ever they want to go. It's really up to them. You will get shown the final draft video before it's finalized. We will come here. We will show it to you and you'll make comments. You'll say take that out or where's this. That type of thing. So, the editing process, the Tribe's are a part of.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AUTHORIZING THE NOTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE TO PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND MONTANA OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH AND AREA HEALTH EDUCATION TO CREATE A TRAINING TITLED "CARING FOR INDIGENOUS MONTANANS"**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**STEPHANIE IRON SHOOTER:** Thank you very much. I did have one more thing. I'm so sorry. Nizhoni, I just wanted to confirm. So, there's this human trafficking form that the department is gathering at West pre-grant September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> and Councilwoman Nizhoni Friesz would like to attend that, right?

**COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ:** Yes.

**STEPHANIE IRON SHOOTER:** I'll send you the information later on today. I'll send you the registration link. I personally don't know anything, that much about human trafficking and how it impacts the tribes. I really don't know so I'm just there as support for you all and I just hope whatever you have to offer that they'll listen to you. Thank you.

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## **ADD ON ITEM – RJ & ASSOCIATES**

**JIM SWAN:** Good morning. Madam President and members of the Tribal Council, thank you for having me here today. I am here for a couple of reasons. Because I haven't been here and reported in person in quit some time. We do send a monthly report every month. Second thing is we did get an extension of our contract to September 30<sup>th</sup> and added hours and I am here to report that we got less than 40 hours left and we got about 6 weeks left in the contract. Right now, since we're not working on any major projects the 40 hours should be ok but if any projects get added in the next 6 weeks than all of a sudden, we got a problem in terms of our hours. Second thing that I wanted to talk to you about is what you would like to do after September 30<sup>th</sup> when the contract expires. Whether you're incline to advertise, renew or what in terms of action for FY 24. Just really quick like, in the time that we have been on board, we've written 12 proposals, actually, kind of 13 because there was a quick pre-application that we did that we didn't get invited to the full competition because we did it in like 24 hours and that was really quick and we didn't get invited on. As of right now, we've had one funded for sure which was the 988 tribal response last year for Tribal Health. We've had one denied, which was the produce prescription pilot program through I.H.S. Also, Tribal Health. It scored really well. As a matter of fact, it was approved but unfunded. Which to me isn't a great consolation that we had an approval proposal but it wasn't funded because they ran out of money before they got to us in terms of scores. We have heard on several of them. As you may recall, we submitted 5 under the C-Task competition last year and in about a month we should hear for sure on all 5 of those. But, we did get an inquiry from the COPS Office and usually they don't request further information unless you're probably going to get funded so that COPS one, I'm pretty sure is going to get funded. The ANA Environmental Regulatory Enhancement that was submitted for setting up the leasing office to implement the Hearth Act of 2021. If you haven't already received the notice of funding, you should very soon. That one will be funded. The OVW Grants Tribal Governments, which was submitted this Spring, they've come back to us and as a result, we're pretty sure that's going to get funded. The OVCTVSA, which is the Tribal Victim Services Set Aside, we know that will be funded. There are several that are just pending that we're not sure one way or another how they'll turn out. That's what we've done over the last year. At this point, I'll take any questions that you might have and then otherwise try to figure out what to do moving forward.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ:** When do you think you will hear back on the ones that are pending?

**JIM SWAN:** All the C-Task ones, typically, right before September 30<sup>th</sup> unless if there's some big tribal event happening in the middle of September where they have a lot of Tribe and the Department of Justices there, they'll go in front of a big room and say, guess what, here's the announcement on all the awards. Otherwise, pretty much September 29<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> is

when those get announced. So, got about another month to wait to figure out what's going to happen.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I think that's what we were waiting for was an update. Now that we have one, we can go back and decide what we can do and then we can let you know. If they're all pretty much funded and then that's what we have to do is go back and find funding also.

**JIM SWAN:** Ok.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I think we did have some set aside but I don't remember. You heard our list. That's what we worked on for the last 2 weeks. We can probably call you after we get together and have another budget and finance meeting.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Yeah. Maybe we can get together with programs to see if they have needs

**JIM SWAN:** I'm sure that they do. We've only scratched the surface of who we've worked with and that's not by choice. That's by squeaky wheel gets the grease. The people who speak up are the ones that we've worked with the most and that's been Tribal Health, Healing Hearts, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and Environmental Department. Oh, Energy Department is who we went thru.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** And then our buffalo.

**JIM SWAN:** Oh yeah, the Buffalo Management on the Indigenous Animal Grant and the America the Beautiful one. As a matter of fact, that's what. You know, I said we aren't working on anything major right now. Well, Brandon just sent us a bunch of RFPs' to look into. So, pending how that comes out, there may be one or more projects coming in the next month or so.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** And that would be before the end of September?

**JIM SWAN:** Some of them are before the end of September but some of them are not.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** If you look at them and then contact us, email us because I know your contacts been Nizhoni. Let her know. So that she can bring it forward if we need to increase those last 40 hours to get those done.

**JIM SWAN:** Ok.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I know he's been really active in trying to get his program set up.

**JIM SWAN:** And he hit the ground running, I'll tell you that. I'm use to somebody comes into a job or program and take 3 to 6 months to get their feet out from under them. The next week he was on the phone with us. He's a real go-getter, Brandon.

**COUCNILWOMAN CHARETTE:** That'll work and we'll be following up with you on the rest of it. Okay?

**JIM SWAN:** Okay.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Alright.

**JIM SWAN:** Okay. Thank you very much.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Thank you for everything that you've done. I know we've bombarded you with some. We appreciate you coming down also.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:50 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 abstention on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

Edina Redstar, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe