

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

REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES
February 23, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

INVOCATION: Silver Little Eagle

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	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	9	3	

Quorum Established

ELDERLY

No updates at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Discussion: ITEM #1

Councilwoman Charette: Can I just make one request to move the budgets down. They were waiting for one thing and they are going to get the resolution to me.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Charette: If I could please.

President Wetherelt: Anything else that we need to add? Next is the minutes.

DISCUSSION: ITEM #2

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, WITH CORRECTIONS, FROM THE REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2023.

Motion made by Nizhoni Friesz. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.: I have a question on them ones. The money we're getting is, that one we passed on the 3 million something. We should of put some aside for the communities. Birney is out of money already. We need to put some back into the communities again. Put charity money in there. It's hard right now. They need lights. They need their bills paid. We need to put some money in there somehow. Maybe we can move some money around with that money we got

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, WITH CORRECTIONS, FROM THE REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2023.

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			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: ITEM #3

TABLE ITEM #3: MOU W/ STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL FOR POLICE AND CRIMINAL REFORMS.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: ITEM #4

President Wetherelt: #4 Grazing board officers, Donavin Limberhand.

Councilman Limberhand: I'm trying to select grazing board for officers. From my knowledge, I don't think we have a grazing board and I'm trying to find officers to fill that board. Who's the board?

President Wetherelt: It's the council.

Councilwoman Charette: The council.

President Wetherelt: And the previous was, Henry Speelman was the board chair and the Vice was Debbie.

Councilman Limberhand: And that's the board?

President Wetherelt: And the rest of the council.

Councilman Limberhand: Alright.

President Wetherelt: We can do nominations.

Councilman Limberhand: Do nominations?

Councilwoman Fisher: I think it should be someone from each district. I mean, you know so everyone is represented.

President Wetherelt: Have a core committee?

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah.

President Wetherelt: I think that is a good idea because when meetings come up, not everyone comes. Somebody else is gonna be coming so then sometimes you don't have a quorum. That's a good idea.

Councilman Limberhand: How would we go about it? Have them submit a letter of interest from each district or how many would?

President Wetherelt: Actually, we appointed the board to be the council

Councilwoman Fisher: That is the resolution that I gave you.

Councilman Limberhand: Ok.

President Wetherelt: We will have to rescind that current ordinance.

Councilwoman Fisher: No, not the ordinance just the resolution setting the current committee.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, we have to have a resolution that you want to appoint different officers.

Councilman Limberhand: Alright.

Councilwoman Charette: So, you are wanting to give it back to the community. Is that what you want to do?

Councilman Limberhand: Yeah. Someone from each district.

President Wetherelt: And you don't have a resolution or do you have a resolution?

Councilwoman Fisher: We can work on a resolution.

Councilman Limberhand: Yeah, this is an old one.

Councilwoman Fisher: But, we just wanted to bring that to your attention that he wants to give it back to the community. He wants to solicit letters of interest.

President Wetherelt: And those will come to me.

Councilman Limberhand: Alright.

President Wetherelt: I'll do the post. We will work on a poster today and get it out to the people.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, we will work on the resolution or the resolution will come forth with the selections at the next meeting.

President Wetherelt: A resolution will just need to be done that you made a motion, I mean that you, today you wanted to give it back to the community and we'll vote on it.

Councilman Limberhand: Alright. I make that motion to give it back to the community.

President Wetherelt: I will get those letters of interest and then I will submit those.

Councilwoman Fisher: I second his motion.

Councilwoman Charette: What's the motion.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, the motion is, his motion was to solicit letters of interest for the grazing board.

Councilwoman Charette: Do we need a motion.

Councilwoman Fisher: I mean, giving it back to the community members and soliciting letters of interest.

Councilwoman Charette: Do we need that though until we bring that forward if we are just gonna solicit letters of interest.

Councilwoman Fisher: Oh yeah, Serena I don't think we'll need to, once we confirm the committee then we'll rescind yours giving it to the council. So, what we are gonna do today is we're just asking that you solicit letters of interest for the grazing board.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Charette: It'll be from each district.

Councilwoman Fisher: It'll be from each district. Possibly some land owners and then maybe an operator or 2 operators.

Councilwoman Charette: Because it'll be 5.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, we can discuss it more. Yeah, that's his, what he talked about was getting it back to the community.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

DISCUSSION: ITEM #5

Councilwoman Charette: I am requesting to be replaced with Melissa Lonebear but after looking at what we have on the ICWA committee, it still is naming Mary Shoulderblade so you might want to fill that one also.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Fisher: And she was on there from the Department of Human Services office.

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, remember how we had that set up where it was one from the court and one from Human Services and the council.

President Wetherelt: Yeah.

Councilwoman Friesz: So, is the ICWA committee set up kind of like Tribal Ed where the committee meets and then they make the decisions on the cases.

Councilwoman Charette: So, if you have a name for that one.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, I'll need to get that one. I think I would probably put, we only have one ICWA worker and that is Alaina.

Councilwoman Fisher: Alaina will be there anyways because she's ICWA.

Councilwoman Charette: She's the one working.

Councilwoman Fisher: And she's the one who briefs us on this stuff that goes on but Mary was on the Human Services side.

President Wetherelt: Yeah. I'll need to get recommendations from Arianne since all of them, they are all pretty new and the one that took Mary's position is N'zshonico Cummins. So, I'll ask her; see who she recommends and I can put on there from her staff.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, are you gonna hold off on that one or?

Councilwoman Charette: We can leave it blank for Human Services and then go ahead and put Melissa on there for now.

Councilwoman Fisher: Ok.

Councilwoman Charette: I make a motion for resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving the newly appointed membership of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Committee in accordance with the Law and Order Code 3-4-4. Whereas, the following, nope. Therefore, I'm just gonna go to therefore be it resolved. You'll have a blank for Human Services, Melissa will be in my place. It'll be Melissa Fisher, Edina Redstar and Angel Bearchum from the Tribal Court. That's my motion for now until you fill that other position.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Fisher: I'll second it.

Secretary Redstar: So, it's basically a motion removing Debbie and adding Melissa?

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah

President Wetherelt: Are you still interested in being in that position?

Secretary Redstar: I am, I just don't ever get notified of anything.

Councilwoman Charette: We haven't had a meeting.

President Wetherelt: No, there hasn't been any meetings.

Councilwoman Charette: You haven't missed anything.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF DEBRA CHARETTE AND APPOINTING MELISSA LONEBEAR TO THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW AND ORDER CODE 3-4-4.

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			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: ITEMS #6, #7, #8

Councilwoman Charette: Do you want to table all 3 until then 2 come in?

Councilwoman Fisher: Yeah.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Councilwoman Charette left the chambers @ 10:58 a.m.

Councilwoman Charette re-entered the chambers @ 11:10 a.m.

**MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #6: BUFFALO HERD MANAGEMENT
ITEM #7: ACCEPT FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT
ITEM #8: BIA/OJS LAWSUIT**

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: ITEM #1

Councilwoman Charette: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for 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>
330A	ADMIN.	\$1,393,950.16
330B	HPP	\$464,140.51
330C	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERV.	\$1,147,553.63
330D	CHR	\$441,929.25
330G	BEHAVIOR HEALTH	\$580,219.64
330H	SECURITY/HOUSEKEEPING	\$683,140.32
330I	TRIBAL SPONSORSHIP	\$1,418,206.42
330F	RECOVERY	\$1,414,882.08
354D	REV. GEN. INCOME	\$428,602.50
354G	REV. GEN. BEHAVIORAL HEATHLH	\$607,220.05
695A	TOR	\$200,000.00
389	THIP	\$2,319,571.04
724	WIC	\$124,418.00
727	HP TABACCO	\$87,500.00
745	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERG. PREPARDNESS	\$90,617.87
747	STATE OF MT DPHHS	\$25,674.90
NEW	SPECIAL DIABETES PRO.	\$595,755.00
235	MGMT SYSTEMS HANDBOOK	\$16,480.00
779	WATER PIPELINE FEASIBILITY	\$49,000.00
830N	NC SECURITY	\$405,727.06
158	ID REVENUE	\$15,860.04
546	HEALING HEARTS	\$779,225.00
529	HEALING HEARTS	\$450,000.00
614-999	LIHEAP	\$12,546.90
614A	LIHEAP	\$1,394.10
341-999	LIHEAP	\$418,547.50
341A	LIHEAP	\$48,727.50
603	LIHEAP	\$125,474.40
603A	LIHEAP	\$13,941.60
358	NC HEADSTART	\$187,184.00
331A	AFA CARRYOVER	\$7,246,274.89
NEW	LATCP BUFFALO CONTRACT	\$500,000.00
860	DES	\$2,359,283.00
NEW	NC FISH & GAME	\$200,000.00

NEW
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NC FISH & GAME
DISTRICT PLAYGROUND EQUIP.

\$200,000.00
\$250,000.00

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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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			

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

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 11 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions on this 17th day of April 2023.



Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe