

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**  
April 17, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:25 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>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>Serena Wetherelt, President</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>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>		

Quorum Established

**ELDERLY**

No updates at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Good morning everyone. I would like to move the budget resolution and the finance org chart, move those down to the bottom.

**Councilwoman Foote:** What number is that Melissa?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** So, it would be item #7.

**Councilwoman Foote:** Ok.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** There was a budget and finance meeting so we do have budgets. That was isn't on the agenda so I would like to make a motion to add the budgets onto the agenda.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** I'll second.

**MOTION TO ADD THE BUDGETS TO THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Councilwoman Fisher:** So, if we can put #7 down at the bottom with budgets. Will that be ok?

**President Wetherelt:** Yes. We need to also add the Indian Health Service update. He was here at our last meeting but we didn't have it. A couple meetings ago, I guess. So, he said he would be here today.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Did someone let him know to be here.

**President Wetherelt:** Well, he said that he would be here. You might want to check to see.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** He wasn't out there.

**President Wetherelt:** He wasn't out there. Ok. Well, if he shows up.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** You just want to add him?

**President Wetherelt:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Will he be giving an update once a month? Is that what he agreed to?

**President Wetherelt:** Yeah, the first Monday of the month.

**Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.:** Is there a parade today?

**Secretary Redstar:** Yes, at 10:30 a.m.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Has anyone asked the BIA Superintendent to do the same?

**President Wetherelt:** No.

**Councilwoman Charette:** No. But he comes over every week.

**President Wetherelt:** Yeah, we meet with him every week.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Well, maybe do it once a month here, if he feels like it.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah, if he wants to.

**President Wetherelt:** I'll ask him tomorrow. I meet with him on Tuesdays at 10.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Any other announcements?

**Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.:** I have one I want to thank you guys for taking care of the buffalo. They said they would reimburse you guys. I talked with them and I want to thank you guys for making this happen. I was kind of worried. We are having a, the Shrine Auditorium, they rebuilt it. Native American Development Company, out of Billings, is having a grand opening. You are all invited.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** What date?

**Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.:** I didn't make it this Friday. I was supposed to get the flyers from them. I mean, this past Friday I didn't make it but this coming Friday I should have the flyers for you guys.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Ok.

**Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.:** I think this Friday is our final meeting.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** So, the date will be announced?

**Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.:** Yeah. You'll probably get invitations in your email. The main reason they want to do this is they want to show Billings what they see. It ain't what they see in Billings. You know, there's more to Native American than what they see. They invited Tester, Daines, the mayor. They are trying to invite every councilman from each, I mean, President from each reservation from Montana. They are going to have a health fair, 5k run, a feed and a round dance. They are trying to have a parade but they are still trying to get that in. That's all I got.

**Discussion: ITEM #1 on the agenda - Enrollment**

**President Wetherelt:** First one on the agenda is enrollment.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Ok.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** When the Dull Knife basketball team comes, we'll just recess. I don't even know what they have scheduled. Originally it started out where we wanted to have them come into the chambers and then sing an honor song. They had a planning committee down there so I thing at 10:30 and we can just recess.

**President Wetherelt:** Ok.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** He is on his way. He is just getting off a phone call.

**President Wetherelt:** The other thing I wanted to bring up too. I just got a schedule from Edina for the boards. You guys are going to get updates. At 1 o'clock we have a meeting scheduled with Brian. So, I didn't know if you were still going to do those updates or not.

**Councilwoman Charette:** We could push them back a little bit.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** We can push them back but the point of the whole resolution was so that the council stays updated and gets reports from the boards. That was in 2020 and no one ever pushed it so.

**Councilwoman Charette:** So, this will kind of make it a standing meeting and this will be the first one. The first scheduled ones. That way everybody can get back into kind of bringing in their updates.

**Councilwoman Lonbear:** Then we can rotate them.

**Councilwoman Charette:** While we wait, maybe we can do the minutes huh?

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Can we go ahead and do the minutes while we are waiting?

**President Wetherelt:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Just go ahead to the next one. He is still on a phone call.

**President Wetherelt:** We will go to the minutes, #2, Edina.

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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #2 on the agenda - Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2023.**

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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2023.**

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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2023.**

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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Councilwoman Fisher:** Move on with the Board of Health organizational chart. Sharon Small is on her way.

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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #3 on the agenda – NCTBOH Organizational Chart**

**Kayla Grinsell:** WHEREAS, the Executive Director has made organizational recommendations to approve efficiency, effectiveness, and internal controls within the Board of Health of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of Board of Health is submitting a revised organizational structure to illustrating supervisor authority and signatory authority to the Deputy Director and Executive Director for Board of Health staff as described in the chart; and creating a events department to help provide services, promotion, and prevention to each district within the Northern Cheyenne reservation and

WHEREAS, the changes to the organizational relationships internal to Board of Health as illustrated in the Board of Health Organizational Chart FY 2023; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the revision to the organizational structure of the Board of Health Department and rescinds any previous Resolutions that may conflict with the content of this resolution.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A REVISION OF ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS OF PERSONNEL WITHIN BOARD OF HEALTH.**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>	
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**Councilwoman Charette:** Kayla, do you want to introduce your Deputy Director.

**Kayla Grinsell:** We just hired our Deputy Director and it is Kim Dahle.

**Kim Dahle:** Good morning.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yes, and good morning and welcome. Glad to see those positions getting filled. Thank you, ladies.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Signatories Melissa?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yes.

**9:38 a.m. Kayla Grinsell and Kim Dahle exited the chambers**

**9:40 a.m. Wallace Bearchum entered the chambers**

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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #4 on the agenda – Authorizing Official Signatories**

**Councilwoman Charette:** Oh, where did she go? Did she go back out? Ok, I'll read it. A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing official signatories for the Northern Cheyenne tribal checking accounts. Whereas the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, huh?

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** Nizhoni's here.

**Councilwoman Charette:** I thought it was Kristi. It is Nizhoni. I saw Kristi leave.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** **WHEREAS**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has a need to revise and update the signatory authority that has been delegated to certain individuals for financial transactions, specifically check signatories for tribal checking accounts; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the following individuals as check signatories for tribal checking accounts:

Serena Wetherelt, President  
 Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President  
 Edina Redstar, Secretary

Kristi Killsnight, Interim Treasurer  
 Kyla Two Bulls, Acting Director of Finance  
 Lorna Sioux, Staff Accountant

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that all other resolutions that conflict or contradict with this resolution are hereby rescinded in their entirety.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL SIGNATORIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE  
TRIBAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS**

Motion made by Nizhoni Friesz. 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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #5 on the agenda – Updating OST Access**

**Councilwoman Charette:** A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council updating the appointment of designated tribal officials authorized to access United States Department of Interior accounts.

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council to identify Tribal representatives for the purposes of requesting financial information, provide disbursement instructions, and provide investments instructions from the Tribal trust accounts maintained by Bureau of Trust Funds Administration (BTFA); and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby amends access to BTFA trust accounts as follows:

- President, Serena Wetherelt
- Interim Treasurer, Kristi Killsnight
- Vice President, Ernest Littlemouth Sr.
- Director of Finance, Kyla TwoBulls
- Accountant, Kayla Russell
- Entire Tribal Council

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that any prior Tribal Council resolution that contradicts or conflicts with this resolution is hereby rescinded to the extent inconsistent.

That’s my motion.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** I’m wondering if we should change it to BTFA. Remember it was OST.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yes, cause budget. What is it called?



**Councilwoman Friesz:** Trust in financial.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** Department of financial. It's DA something, financial accounting. It used to be called OST.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Change it to what the acronym is?

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah, the acronym, we will change it with that.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL UPDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED TRIBAL OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ACCOUNTS. \*ALONG WITH THE CHANGES TO BTFA.**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: Moving on to enrollment. Item #1 on the agenda.**

**President Wetherelt:** Do you know if Sharon is going to be here.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah, she is on her way.

**9:45 a.m. Debra Charette left the chambers.**

**Wallace Bearchum:** The first one is an Ordinance. There is 21 that got approved by enrollment committee for adoption. They are listed there.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll make that motion to approve.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** I'll second.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF TWENTY-ONE (21) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE**

**APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	X			
<b>Debra Charette</b>				
<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>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Wallace Bearchum:** The second one I have is a resolution approving the automatic enrollment of 2 individuals there. Approved by the enrollment committee.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll make that motion.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** I'll second.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Norma Goureau.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	X			
<b>Debra Charette</b>				
<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>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Wallace Bearchum:** The next resolution I have is approving the name changes for 16 individuals that was approved by the enrollment committee.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll make that motion to approve.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** I'll second.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR SIXTEEN (16) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.**

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

**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>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>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**9:40 a.m. Debra Charette re-entered the chambers.**

**Wallace Bearchum:** Ok, the next resolution, I have one (1) person correcting their birth date that was approved by the enrollment committee.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll make that motion to approve.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** I'll second.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING DATE OF BIRTH CHANGES FOR ONE (1) TRIBAL MEMBER ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Wallace Bearchum:** The last one I have is an ordinance relinquishing 2 tribal members from our enrollment approved by the enrollment committee.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll make that motion.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** I'll second

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.**

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

**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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Wallace Bearchum:** Brief announcement. Colorado is having their first ever Indian Relay and it's invitational only and my Indian Relay team got invited.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** When is it?

**Wallace Bearchum:** In Colorado.

**Councilwoman Charette:** When?

**Wallace Bearchum:** June. Middle of June.

**Councilwoman Charette:** We all want to know when.

**Wallace Bearchum:** Also, with the Land Board, every now and then I borrow their horse trailer. I don't know if I can still, just every now and then. Just to the races, you know. Think about it.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** Just a quick question. Can you give us an update on the ID process?

**Wallace Bearchum:** Yeah, we are all set up in that office there. All the equipment is in there. Secure location. Staff got trained on how to do it. Right now, there is a certificate that the Homeland Security needs. We are in the process of purchasing that right now. It is kind of taking a while. They need that certificate first then Homeland Security will say, Ok, everything is good. So, we are just waiting on that and we can start issuing.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** You have an expected time line?

**Wallace Bearchum:** Couple weeks maybe. Couple weeks to a month.

**Wallace Bearchum:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** The first on is free to the enrolled members and then if you lose it or need a duplicate then it's \$40.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Is that enough to cover all your if they have to come back in and get a duplicate?

**Wallace Bearchum:** Well, we need to talk some more about that but it should be.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Ok.

**Wallace Bearchum:** We'll see how it goes.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I think it's, is it \$30 for minors?

**Wallace Bearchum:** \$20 for minors.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah, \$20 for minors and \$40 for adults.

**Councilwoman Charette:** How long do they last? The expiration date.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Once you get them, they

**Councilwoman Charette:** Does it have an expiration date on it?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I don't think it has one. Does it?

**Wallace Bearchum:** It should.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** It should.

**Wallace Bearchum:** It's like a passport.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah, it's a passport.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** Yeah, like a passport has an expiration date.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Is it like 4 years then?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Is it 2 years or 4 years?

**Wallace Bearchum:** It's 4 or 8.

**Councilwoman Charette:** I'm out of the loop on it that why I'm asking.

**Wallace Bearchum:** When we're ready to go live, we'll promote it.

**9:50 a.m. SHARON SMALL ENTERED THE CHAMBERS.**

**9:54 a.m. LINDA BAHR ENTERED AND EXITED THE CHAMBERS.**

**9:57 a.m. LINDA BAHR ENTERED AND EXITED THE CHAMBERS.**

**10:00 a.m. WALLACE BEARCHUM EXITED THE CHAMBERS.**

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**DISCUSSION: Item #3 on the agenda – Update on Morning Star Federal Credit Union**

**Councilwoman Fisher:** President Wetherelt, Sharon is here now if you would like to go with #3.

**Sharon Small:** Good morning. Thanks, you guys for allowing me on the agenda today. I just wanted to give a quick update on the credit union. We were chartered back in November and our grand opening is going to be May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are super excited. We would like to invite the Council to our grand opening on the 1<sup>st</sup>. If you guys could come, that would be great. So, in order to get an account to have to 5 bucks to open an account. We were going to start opening accounts on the 1<sup>st</sup> but we changed it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> just because I think the 1<sup>st</sup> is going to be busy. Our starting goal for deposits was 2.1 million. So, with the 2.1 million, we can lend 5% per individual off of whatever is sitting in that account. So, if it was 2.1 million, it's like \$25,000 per person. So, the more money we have in deposits, the more money we can lend. So, if you guys know of anybody that is willing to deposit up to \$250,000, it is insured under NCUA. The National Credit Union Association does insure those accounts. So, once again, all that money will stay here locally. Rosebud and Bighorn County are target market areas. We are designated as a low-

income credit union so we are able to take deposits from non-members as well. So, we will have a branch in Ashland, at the grocery store there, or a kiosk. We'll have one in Crow, eventually. We're working on getting that set up. Our back-office support will down at the old, prior Burns property. Our main kiosk will be here on main street in Lame Deer. We are super excited. We are going to place our first cash order next week. We're actually doing implementations this week, training. We did all our configurations last week, as far as like how the fees will be set up and what we would charge and what not.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Nice. Exciting.

**Sharon Small:** We're all really excited.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Are you nervous?

**Sharon Small:** I'm really nervous about it. I said I thought I was tough until I had to do this credit union thing and it was way, it was a lot of work. Took about 6 years. There's only been 1 credit union chartered in the State of Montana in the last 10 years and it is us. So, in the nation, there was 4 last year and we are one of them. So, it's kind of a big thing and the more I get into the credit union, the financial aspect of it, I think it's really, really going to be a good thing for our community, our low-income communities. Like I said, the Crow Tribe and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, just because of our lack to capital is so limited. It'll really help with our housing; with our small business development because it's so hard for a lot of us to go to Billings to Wells Fargo or to First Interstate to try to get a loan. Nobody knows our culture; nobody knows where we live; what we are about and they're scare to do a loan because of the collateral issues. We could expand on that quite a bit, I think here locally.

**Councilwoman Charette:** I think it's taking the place of like the smaller, since First Interstate went corporate.

**Sharon Small:** I wasn't going to talk about First Interstate Bank today but I'm going to. Just really quick.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah.

**Sharon Small:** Just because we have dealt with so many people that have been turned down by First Interstate Bank because of their new stipulations, which is understandable. It's like, ok, well they are a business too. However, we have people here that have a need and we need to fill that gap so why don't you guys help us fill that since you're not providing those products and services. So, I was excited cause I was like, ok we can open an account with them. We will still be putting our money in there. We'll do our ATM account with them. We'll do all of our cash orders so we wouldn't have to hire a carrier service. Anyways, they met with me and a week later they called me and they were like no, no, no and no. We look at you as a direct competition and we will not assist you in any sort of way. I was so angry because that put a big cost on us as far as just getting our money transported here. We had to build a vault. I mean it was just a huge additional expense when really, we could have just walked across the street, just like we do with

Courtesy Cash. So, I'm pretty sure they are going to be axes us there too. Which at this point, it's ok. I mean, we can use the credit union now.

**Councilwoman Charette:** That is good information for us to know.

**Sharon Small:** Yes, it is. So, it really is, it's frustrating because even like the CEO of the organization has never ever tried to meet with us. We put in about \$27 million in First Interstate Bank on an annual basis, our Coalition does, and they won't even. I mean, it seems like, we partner and resource everything out. Like, we try to work with everybody and help everybody and fill those gaps and products and services. I mean, they are just on a whole new level now. They really are. They are not about community development anymore. Which, like I said, it's understandable, but it just doesn't fit our community.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** It sounds like you're going to service those customers that they're not willing to service.

**Sharon Small:** Exactly and that's exactly what's frustrating Norma. That's what's frustrating. That's why I wanted to meet with him to try to allow him to let us talk to identify that. We are, if anything, helping you. So, I can help these clients get them to.

**Councilwoman Charette:** To your level. What they want.

**Sharon Small:** Yeah, eventually, you know. He was just like, no, we're not going to do it. I know it was really frustrating because I know our Tribe keeps our money at First Interstate Bank. So, I was like, thinking, you know, maybe we have a little bit of pull but yeah, we don't. We didn't have any. It was just a direct conflict, I guess.

**Councilwoman Charette:** That's why I say thank you for bringing some of that information to us. Because us, as a council, we need to hear those things that are going on and that you are actually trying to help our people and bringing services to them that another entity can't.

**Sharon Small:** Yeah, and I understand why it is really hard to do. Like, I mean if we can keep this sustainable and keep it here for generations, it would build our economy like you would not believe. Like the housing market is a perfect example. The outside banks won't come in and lend because they can't get collateral. It'll be a lot easier for us to do it here. We can have the whole system set up here. We can have the title office. We can have everything right here to establish those. We are currently working on 502 Home Lending right now. Which home lending is a huge, huge product because there is no secondary market for it. I think if we create one here locally it would really establish a lot as far as homeowners go. During covid the average household size of a home was 13 people. We did those surveys ourselves because Census does theirs too but we just didn't think they were very accurate. Every time we employ somebody, just think, that's 13 people, possibly that you are feeding. I don't know, I think it's going to be a really good thing and I would love your guys' support in moving forward and just hoping for the best.



**Councilwoman Fisher:** Sharon, we have some program boxes at the front office so if you'd like to bring some box holders for your grand opening.

**Sharon Small:** Okay.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** You know, just information about your Credit Union, we can get them out to the programs.

**Sharon Small:** Okay. Our invitations should be done today so I can put all of those in the boxes. I think there's some people from the State coming. It shouldn't last too long. We are providing a meal.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Okay.

**Sharon Small:** Any other questions?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Congratulations.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Congratulations.

**Sharon Small:** Thank you.

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**Discussion: Item #7 on the agenda – Update Central Finance Organizational Chart**

**10:02 A.M. – RANDY ELLIOTT ENTERED AND EXITED THE CHAMBERS**

**10:03 A.M. – SHARON SMALL EXITED THE CHAMBERS**

**Councilwoman Fisher:** We can go ahead and go with Item #7 and I'll go ahead and present that. A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing a revision of the organizational relationship of personnel with central finance.

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Treasurer has made organizational recommendations to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and internal controls within the Central Finance Department of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Treasurer is submitting a revised organizational structure to illustrate supervisory authority of the Director of Finance for Central Finance staff as described in the chart; and

**WHEREAS,** the changes to the organizational relationships internal to Central Finance as illustrated in the Central Finance Organizational Chart FY 2023; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the revision to the organizational structure of the Central Finance Department and rescinds any previous Resolutions that may conflict with the content of this resolution.

That's my motion.

Councilwoman Little Eagle: I'll second it.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING A REVISION OF ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS OF  
PERSONNEL WITHIN CENTRAL FINANCE.**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Councilwoman Fisher:** President Wetherelt, I would like to see if we could take that recess now because the Dull Knife team is here.

**President Wetherelt:** Ok. Recess at 10:04 a.m.

**President Wetherelt:** Out of recess at 10:14 a.m.

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**Discussion: Item #8 on the agenda**

**10:15 A.M. – JOLENE SPANG ENTERED AND EXITED THE CHAMBERS**

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Ok, we will go ahead and go with item #8. A resolution appointing Kristi Killsnight as the interim treasurer of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

**WHEREAS,** the former Tribal Treasurer resigned and the position was advertised with a deadline date and did not receive applicants; and

**WHEREAS,** Kristi Killsnight has been serving as Interim Treasurer of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe since January 27, 2023 and, in that capacity has amply demonstrated competence, diligence, and loyalty to the Tribe; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** that Kristi Killsnight is hereby appointed as Interim

Treasurer of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe until 2024 when the current term of the Tribal President ends;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that at the end of the term, Kristi Killsnight will resume her position as the General Fund Accountant for the Central Finance Department.

That’s my motion.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** I’ll second it.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING KRISTI KILLSNIGHT AS THE INTERIM TREASURER OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Discussion: Item #9 and #12 on the agenda**

**President Wetherelt:** Ok, #9 Western Energy Tribal liaison appointment, Melissa Fisher.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Councilwoman Charette stepped down from her position as the Western Energy liaison so I just raised my hand and said I would be willing to be appointed as the liaison for Western Energy.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Go ahead and switch it on the.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** So, we would just like to make that amendment to the liaison resolution. The amendment will be on the Western Energy/Westmoreland Liaisons. It’ll be taking Debbie off and replacing her with myself.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** I was wondering if you wanted to add the utilities amendments to this one as well. So, it's on one resolution.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** So, we can just strike that #12.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** So, its just add you, right? Or you and Donavin to NCUC?

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah. Donavin are you good with that?

**Councilwman Limberhand:** Yup.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Ok. Yup.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Do you think we should all be liaisons right now for utilities until we get our water situation squared away or are we good with just.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** I would say that would be good, all tribal council.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I think it would be good to have all tribal council until we get our water situated.

**President Wetherelt:** To utilities?

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yes, to utilities.

**President Wetherelt:** Ok.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** And then, we really do need to schedule a meeting. The last 2 times they were not able to make it but it is a priority. We have to have them. We have to get moving on the

**Councilwoman Charette:** The infrastructure.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah, the infrastructure and do an assessment, I guess. Our own assessment of what steps need to be taken because the dialysis called, they said they have someone coming in in July. That's too late. We need someone

**Councilwoman Charette:** Now

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Like next week.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yesterday.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yesterday, yes.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Ok.

**President Wetherelt:** What I wanted to bring up, we were just talking about it this morning. Norma Bixby was concerned about the scholarship meetings. They haven't had any for 2 months. There's scholarships and stuff that need to go out. We need to really meet on all that stuff.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Well, we were ready to have a scholarship meeting and Kim was acting. Norma told Kim that we could not go on with the meeting because the director needed to be at the meeting. Kim was the acting director but Norma wouldn't allow her to go forward. Norma wanted to be at the meeting. I don't know if it says that. I don't think it says that in the policy, that she has to be at every meeting when it's her staff that presents on the students and Norma sits there and takes the minutes. Kim was there and ready to present. Everything was ready to go but Norma was on travel. When we were ready to have again, I called over there, one of her staff was out sick and so she said, no, we can't have it until my staff is better. So, she calls you with a one-sided story. So, there's been 3 times that I've set up meetings. Norma's been out of town; Norma's been out and Norma wouldn't allow any of her staff to have a meeting without her present so she's giving you a one-sided story. We've been trying to have meetings but she's been on travel, she's been out sick and then her staff has been out sick. So, we have been trying to have meeting and she will not allow a meeting without her presence.

**President Wetherelt:** Ok. Well, she's gotta make sure she's not on leave or be on travel on the days that you are going to meet.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yup.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Well, all of the policies, like for every board, they are so outdated. Especially the scholarship committee. There needs to be changes, like immediately, because the old way of doing things like travel everywhere, to each college, to hand deliver checks.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** And they are not allowed to file electronically, which I find very disappointing.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yup.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** When we first started as the scholarship committee, we wanted filing for applications and you know, for the ACH transfers. Get the students cards and they just do an ACH transfer. That'll keep staff in the office instead of them traveling all over the state of Montana. I don't know if we have students in New York, or where ever, New Hampshire. Somebody is going to take a check out there.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** We have to make it as easy as possible for them. The history of the Tribal Scholarship is almost that it's, umm.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Dinosaur

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah and it's too complicated for people to apply so they don't apply. Then we have carryover every year because the money is not spent. It should be spent. I mean we have to spend that money. We have to give that money to our kids. Not just kids but.

**President Wetherelt:** I know. She's been there for over 30 years and she doesn't like change. I think we need to give her our recommendations. You guys need to give her your recommendations. Put them in writing. Let's try to make some changes in there. I know it's, a lot of people complain about them not able to get to help and we need to get out tribal members to get help because it frustrates them not being able to get help through them.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** We do want it to be all electronic. We are not taking any staff jobs away or anything but it would be easier with an electronic system. We have students all over the United States, all over the world. I think we had a student that was in Australia, or somewhere, going to school and they wanted original documents. Then they tell people, we want you to bring them in. We don't want contact with your mom, we don't want contact with your family members, you bring them in. So, if there's someone going to school way across the state and they want original documents handed in, that just makes it harder for the student. We need to make that change there.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** I think we should at least implement the electronic services that we already paid for. Was it that survey monkey?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** That survey monkey is not good for applications, is what we found out.

**Councilwoman Charette:** It's good for getting information out there.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah. A subscription, I think it expired, right?

**Councilwoman Charette:** It might have by now because she said it couldn't, she couldn't get it to fit whatever they needed.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Well, that too. That's a whole other issue. We need to modernize everything but at the same time we need to know what we have out there. All this media stuff just blows my mind. I hope that was cancelled. I don't know. I think I sent that email to you.

**President Wetherelt:** I remember you said it was a waste of money on the group chat.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** it's been a couple years and it's a \$100,000 a year. It's been sitting there for 2 years without being used. It's a subscription.

**President Wetherelt:** What was it supposed to be for?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** When they brought the new laptops and they were putting in the new, you know, using the new laptops. We were supposed to switch over from Cheyenne nation, the one and one emails and start using google email or Gmail for everybody. When the tech guys were here and the IT person was not being to helpful or not letting them in so it halted the changeover process so I don't know. The google suites was paid for but was never implemented.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Everybody dropped the ball on that one and that's a lot of money to waste. It needs to be cancelled. I'm just saying, anything to do with technology, it needs to be completed. Any job, anything that we are doing to push forward needs to be completed. So, for this one, this is the first one we passed but we had another one that we passed.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** President Wetherelt, we will reschedule the scholarship committee meeting and I will let you know.

**President Wetherelt:** Ok.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** If it does get rescheduled, I'll let you who reschedules it and why. I'll keep you in the loop on that.

**President Wetherelt:** I'll let her know that I got a report from you guys.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I have the messages. I mean, you know, I have correspondence with Kim. I even was messaging Norma then she said one of her staff was out sick. Even if I'm out, we have a vice chair who could host a meeting. They never, haven't once, reached out to her. Have they?

**Councilwoman Charette:** Not once.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** So, they are giving you a one-sided story over there.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Are there any other changes on this? We can put the language in there where it rescinds all the previous so there is no confusion.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** Well, we did pass one, Resolution 51, revised and added charity and transportation. Maybe I could make those changes and send it over.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yup, and then just add the. So, for this one, strike all of the Utilities and put all Tribal Council.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** And then the Western Energy/Westmoreland, add Melissa Fisher, delete Debbie and we can just put the finally be it resolved that the anything prior is null and void. That's my motion.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL UPDATING AND REVISING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES BY REMOVING DEBRA CHARETTE AND ADDING MELISSA FISHER TO WESTMORELAND AND ADDING ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE UTILITIES COMMISSION AS TRIBAL LIAISONS.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonbear. 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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Discussion: Item #10 on the agenda**

**President Wetherelt:** Ok, I have a resolution I am going to read for the grazing board.

**WHEREAS,** the Amended Bylaws Article 1, Section 1 authorizes the President to appoint delegates, representatives, committees, or other officers; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council concurs with and approves President Serena Wetherelt’s appointments of Jason Standing Elk as Ashland District, Gene Small as Lame Deer District, April Martin as Busby District, Randy Elliott as Muddy District, and Deloris Yelloweyes Morgan as Birney District members of the Northern Cheyenne Grazing Board; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby concurs with and approves the appointment of Jason Standing Elk as Ashland District, Gene Small as Lame Deer District, April Martin as Busby District, Randy Elliott as Muddy District, and Deloris Yelloweyes Morgan as Birney District members of the Northern Cheyenne Grazing Board effective immediately.

**Councilman Limberhand:** I’ll make a motion to approve the board.

**Councilwoman Foote:** I’ll second.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING NEWLY APPOINTMENT OF THE GRAZING BOARD.**

Motion made by Donavin Limberhand. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	X			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X			



<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>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>1 vote No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Discussion: Item #11 on the agenda**

**President Wetherelt:** Intertribal Agriculture Council appointment, Melissa Lonebear.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Ok, this is the first one of the committees, the National committees. I'm hoping we can get, I guess, direction on what we are doing with the other ones, like NCAI and whatever. The blank part of this resolution, I would like to add Colton Small.

A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing membership to the International Agriculture Council designating Donavin Limberhand as the official tribal delegate and Colton Small as the alternate. That's my motion.

**Councilwoman Charette:** I'll second it.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** I would, somehow, like to see the previous representative helping in some capacity. I think it's kind of a waste for all of that. You know she spent several years being the representative for this. For all that to just be wasted. I mean, I am glad there are 2 people that want to step up as well but I would like to see her, hopefully, work with you guys in some capacity but I will vote yes.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP TO THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE COUNCIL (IAC) DESIGNATING DONAVIN LIMBERHAND AS THE OFFICIAL TRIBAL DELEGATE, AND COLTON SMALL AS THE ALTERNATE.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Discussion: Item #13 on the agenda**

**President Wetherelt:** Number 13, open Tribal Council meetings to the public, Melissa Lonebear.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council directing the Tribal President to open Tribal Council meetings to the membership and general public. **WHEREAS;** closure of the Tribal buildings and Tribal Council meetings has prohibited the people we represent from expressing their opinions and needs; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby directs the Tribal President to take all necessary actions to open Tribal Council Meetings, held in the Tribal Council Chambers, to the membership and general public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Executive Session requests will continue to be honored and protocol will be followed as needed.

That’s my motion.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** I’ll second.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DIRECTING THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO OPEN TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND GENERAL PUBLIC.**

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

**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>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>			

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<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Discussion: Item #14 on the agenda**

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** So, the HAF Policies, we had the drafted a few weeks ago. We added #8. Colton developed the forms that are in the back. I copied them double sided. What it is, is a tool to protect the homeowners and contractors. Our concern was that the homeowners would get a contractor that wouldn't make progress. So, there would be like, I want to say, compliance checks with it. Like a progress check. And then, the other things was, like to prevent the homeowner from purchasing all of the material and not having the work done. These forms will help with the inspection and the progress.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** And these are what we worked on when we had the working session in Billings with HAF staff. This is what we worked on and Colton just cleaned it up for us.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Again, we wanted to make it as simple as possible. Make it easy as possible for people to access the assistance. The mortgages, it says 40 homes because that is what was written into the grant. Utilities, it's broken down to 100 homes at \$1300 per home because that is what was written into the grant. The home repair will be determined, I guess, as the applications come in. And so will the down payment.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Somewhere should you list your committee?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** There's a resolution already for the committee.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** We can attach it or put per resolution.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah, that'll work.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** We can add that to the front page. Put on there that the HAF committee was appointed through resolution.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Is that your resolution to approve this? I mean, your motion.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll second it.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** I have a question. Who actually decides who gets assistance?

**Councilwoman Charette:** The committee.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** The committee does but that why we created the policies so that Sandy has something to follow.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** Who is the committee?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** So, it's Melissa, myself and

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** William

**Councilwoman Fisher:** William. I thought there was one more council rep.?

**Councilwoman Charette:** It's Gwen.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Gwen, Sandy and William.

**Councilwoman Charette:** I thought one was Terrence, no?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Oh yeah. Well, Terrence is a part of it. He never even came to the set up of the policies but yeah, he's on there too.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** It's actually Torrey instead of Gwen.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Oh, Torrey instead of Gwen. Well, Gwen was there.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Ok, and that's you guys that will review the applications, right?

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yup.

**President Wetherelt:** How often are you meeting?

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** We had to get these passed first. She's accepting applications. We had a couple things to iron out. There's like, we were already running into problems with people getting copies of different things so we figured a way to make it legal and make it easier.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll second her motion.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND (HAF) POLICIES.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Discussion: Item #15 on the agenda**

**President Wetherelt:** The next one is the MOU with Strategic Application for society, Silver Little Eagle.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** This is an updated resolution and it includes language that was needed pertaining to the cost that the tribe previously paid in the initial agreement, which I believe was in 2020 or 2021. It's approval of a contract with Strategic Applications International, LLC, to provide criminal justice services.

**WHEREAS,** Strategic Applications International, LLC (SAI) and the Tribe entered into an MOU as authorized by Resolution No. DOI-144 (2021) to support the Tribe in criminal justice reforms and that work incomplete;

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe previously paid \$50,000 to SAI to assist with the work contemplated in the MOU;

**WHEREAS,** SAI proposes to support the Tribe in criminal justice reforms as set forth in the attached Contract at no further cost to the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council wishes to enter into the Contract; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council authorizes and instructs the Tribal President to sign the contract with Strategic Applications International, LLC on behalf of the Tribe and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

That is my motion.

**Councilwoman Charette:** I just have one thing to say about this. Reading this and I guess what I dislike is this company took that payment and then now using one of our council people to come back and present it. If it was an upstanding, to me, if it would of been an upstanding company,

they would have been here themselves and would of brought back the amount that was given to them and then said that we want to go forward with this. That's just me.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** Yeah, I would feel more comfortable meeting with them directly because this was before half of us were on the council when this agreement was made. When I read through the contract and just talking to Silver beforehand; before the meeting, it seems kind of like two different things. She has like a different vision with what they had explained to her. I would just like to know more about it directly with them. If we were to meet, maybe do like a working session or something.

**Councilwoman Charette:** They put a lot on her shoulders to bring this back up without one of them being here to support the questions that we have.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** I have no idea what this is about.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** It's kind of been a long history with them. It started back in 2021. When they came to us, it was a really great idea. We signed the MOU with them but the former President signed it with only a week that the contract was active. Like a week before it expired. It was only active for a week and after that it was like the leadership shift. So, we are finally coming back around with trying to get back with this.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** What was the purpose of the contract? What are they supposed to do?

**Councilwoman Charette:** To help with criminal justice and reform within our communities. They were supposed to come back for community meetings and outreach and different things. When they did come, it did sound good. But, like I said, if you were really upstanding and you wanted to do this, don't leave it up to a council person to present. Bring your company in.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Do we owe them for services or they didn't do anything.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Nope.

**President Wetherelt:** We never got no services.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** We paid them?

**President Wetherelt:** I don't know why we signed an MOU and now we have a contract

**Councilwoman Charette:** See, these are all questions that we are asking her and it's not upon her to be answering for that company. That's what I say, they put a lot on her shoulders to bring it back to the council to ask without them being here.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** Madam President, my issue is that when they came and presented, their intentions were good and we wanted what they were going to do. So, we came up with the money to pay them but they never did anything. Even after they got paid, they still didn't do anything. So, I'm kind of concerned about what kind of relationship we have with them and we paid them and they still haven't done anything. So, I think, for me, their intentions are questionable and only because they never made any attempt to come here and do any of the product that they said they would do. The services that they were supposed to provide, to date, we have not seen anything. Yeah, they've taken our money and they kept it, which makes me question their intentions. So, even though I know that it is important and that we do something to provide safety for our community, I just don't think this company is the right one. I'm sorry but if we go for a vote, I will have to vote no.

**President Wetherelt:** Who is the point of contact?

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** His name is Jim Norris.

**President Wetherelt:** Were you the point of contact here for the Tribe?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Norma, initially, brought the resolution.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** I was and then it became the previous President and now

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** I went to the conference and since then, they just talk to me.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah, they made contact through her after they found out she was from Northern Cheyenne.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** They invited any council that wanted to attend.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah, but she was the one that chose to go.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Well, this is a prime example, again, of the Tribe dumping money into something and not receiving the services. No one following up on it. I mean, I don't know.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Usually, if its for services, you don't pay up ahead.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** \$50,000 dollars.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** So, would we get our money back?

**Councilwoman Charette:** I make a motion that we get our money back.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah, I would make a motion to try to get the money back.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** But, I really would like something like this though because, I don't know, I just think like community care and violence reduction is really the answer to a lot of our problems.

**Councilwoman Charette:** That's what I mean, if that's what they wanted, they should of come.

**President Wetherelt:** You would think they would of already started giving us those services.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** But we weren't in a contract with them or anything. The MOU was only active for a certain time.

**President Wetherelt:** So, it's already expired?

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** Yeah. It was only active for a week.

**President Wetherelt:** Oh, geez.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** Because it was signed in December 2021 and then the contract ended in December 2021.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** They should have come right back and said

**Councilwoman Charette:** We can't accept your check because we didn't give you any deliverables.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah. But, for future reference, any MOU or MOA, it's always good to have a legal review it. They do kind of a background check to make sure the company has a good reputation and will provide the services. We need to try to get our money back.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** Brian didn't review the first one but he did review and adjust this contract. Brian did speak with SAI.

**President Wetherelt:** I would recommend that we ask for that \$50,000 back and if they really want to continue to work with us then they should come back to us.

**Councilwoman Friesz:** Yeah, I mean, I am for supporting Silver's ideas on what community policing is like. She was just talking with me on what her vision was with this but the contract itself is so philosophical and very vague and it's just communicating between a lot of entities on our reservation. It doesn't really explain her vision so I'm really hesitant about this.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I think you could actually just get some guidance and start it here with people who are vested in this community. I would just reach out and ask for the money back and maybe use that money towards starting it with local people.



**Councilwoman Friesz:** We do have that grant that we put in for, as well, for that strategic planning to hire someone here. So, we will see, in a couple months, we'll hear back on that.

**President Wetherelt:** We could talk about it with Brian. I think he's going to meet with us today. Even on Thursday, when he comes back here, after our meetings. I think we should just go ahead and ask for that money back. He can help us.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Well, she didn't get a second so I just died unless somebody seconded it.

**Councilwoman Gourneau:** I second your motion to get the money back.

**Councilwoman Charette:** No, for the original one.

**Councilwoman Little Eagle:** Ok. I withdraw my motion.

**Councilwoman Charette:** You withdraw it? Ok. Withdraw and meet with Brian on it on Thursday?

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Do we need to make a motion to approve a resolution to go after our money back?

**Councilwoman Charette:** After we talk to Brian.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Ok. We need to set up a conference call with Brian.

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**Discussion: Item # 16 on the agenda**

**President Wetherelt:** Amend and revise resolution No. DOI-050 (2023) the Cannabis Committee, Torrey Davie.

**Councilman Davie:** Madam President; Mr. Vice-President; members of the council, I am requesting to amend and revise resolution DOI-050 of 2023. In the original resolution, we named, we brought back the Cannabis Task Force. We've been conducting business with basically 2 task force members. I would like to, the first revision I would like to make to this resolution and what you have in front of you is a copy of the original resolution. This past week's been a mess so forgive me for not giving you guys a draft resolution of these corrections made. The first revision is to change the name of the Cannabis Task Force to the Cannabis Business Committee. The second revision to the resolution is to remove members Jacob Davie and Lisa Limpy Just. The third revision is to use an at-large structure instead of being structured by individual district. The fourth revision is to appoint Carrie Braine and Dana Eaglefeathers as new members of the Business Committee. That is my motion.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I'll second.

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION DOI – 050 (2023) BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CANNABIS BUSINESS TASK FORCE TO CANNABIS BUSINESS COMMITTEE, MAKE THE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE AND REMOVE AND REPLACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Motion made by Torrey Davie. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**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>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Discussion: Item #17 on the agenda**

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Budgets, Debbie.

**President Wetherelt:** Budgets.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Ok. We had a budget and finance meeting. I'll present 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**

**FUND**    **PROGRAM NAME**    **AMOUNT**

773G	NC FISH & GAME	\$200,000.00
773F	BUFFALO CONTRACT	\$500,000.00
146	ELDERLY FUND	\$38,477.00
358	NC HEADSTART	\$187,184.00
NEW	LAND BOARD	\$64,022.71
108	LAND BOARD	\$2,053,651.00
NEW	NCSI-TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$177,599.84
678	TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$225,767.08
935	THPO	\$14,388.61
683	NC DOT	\$131,274.00
840E	ROSEBUD LODGE	\$309,090.00
217	NC COURT	\$1,573,757.00
815	HAF	\$2,237,602.00
NEW	SOAR	\$59,561.94
304-999	CHILDCARE	\$857,309.05
460	HIGHER ED.	\$1,632,051.00
696	ROSEBUD LODGE	\$1,265,798.50
279B&C	NC HEADSTART	\$864,459.00
325-999	CHILDCARE	\$192,649.95
327C	CHILDCARE	\$30,000.00
327-999	CHILDCARE	\$940,931.20
327A	CHILDCARE	\$171,340.80
325A	CHILDCARE	\$33,997.05
302-999	CHILDCARE	\$157,439.55
302A	CHILDCARE	\$27,783.45
166	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	\$87,845.00
455	NC HEADSTART	\$1,528,884.00
805	CARES ACT	\$20,318,907.79

That's my motion.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I'll second

**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			

<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**President Wetherelt:** I just have one thing to say on this. I know in talking to the board chair of the Budget and Finance, I think it's really critical that you guys have a meeting and you go through all of them. They should be checked by the accountant actually. When they come to me, sometimes they are not complete and I have to send them back. I'm the last to sign them but we pass this resolution before I sign them so if something needs to be changed or something then I have to sign it because this is already passed but it's not complete, it's not a complete packet. Do you know what I mean? So, I just wanted to encourage you all to, I don't know if all of you check them or if you just sign off on them but I think they all need to be checked before they come to my office.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** They all have a checklist to follow and they don't even make it to the meeting until they're complete. So, Debbie can let the treasurer know and she can let the accountant know they need to be checking their budget to make sure they are complete before they come to us. It shouldn't be up to us.

**President Wetherelt:** It shouldn't be up to me either.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Yeah. They have a checklist they have to follow and those accountants need to make sure they are complete before they come to the budget and finance meeting.

**President Wetherelt:** I do check them. I really check them.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** On the other hand, the directors need to know how to do budgets. If they don't, then they don't need to be directors, I'm sorry. I scheduled a meeting with finance staff, I was here and Donavin caught the tail end of it but I asked them how many of your directors actually know how to do a budget and they said like 70% and that's wrong. I mean, they have to know how to do their budget. The whole thing would make things so much easier if there was communication between the director and admin and central finance. Even the ones that we didn't take action on because we had questions on them. It should be, like easy for us to call a director and say what is this for or what are you planning on doing with this or whatever but there's not communication. So, I asked Kristi, the one's that we didn't approve, I said, can you have the accountants contact the directors to let them know so they're not just sitting there, put on a shelf. Let the directors know this is what they need. They need more information or whatever.

**President Wetherelt:** I don't know if they're ever going to advertise, I guess I need to ask Kristi, on the Budget Analyst, that was Philinga's job.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** It's filled

**Councilwoman Charette:** It's filled. Andrea is in there.

**President Wetherelt:** Andrea?

**Councilwoman Charette:** Andrea Sioux. They filled it. They advertised it, interviewed and everything.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** At one point I thought we were going to have budget hearings. Like where the budget would come in and then get checked out by the accountant. When we would have our budget meeting or it would be like a budget hearing where the council, or the director would come in and present the budget to the budget and finance and it would get approved at that time. That way if we had questions because there was always a lot of questions that the treasurer couldn't answer. At the time the treasurer wanted to have a budget hearing, that way, the director could come in and present their budget; if you had questions, they would be towards the director who did the budget and they could answer those questions right there. Or, if there was anything that needed to be changed, it could be changed right there before it got passed.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Let's try that at the next budget and finance meeting.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Ok.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah.

**Councilwoman Charette:** We'll put it out which day it is

**Councilwoman Fisher:** That would be good because then it would kind of take care of all that.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** It would help the director too, like if they need guidance.

**Councilwoman Charette:** We do put notes on there we it goes back but once it goes back over there, if those notes get peeled off, because some of them were asking why did you change these 2 when it should be the opposite.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** That is why Philinga started putting them online instead of giving up the original copies because sometimes people are flipping through them and then something falls out or something gets mixed up with something else. When we have all these big stacks of budgets, you know, everybody is shuffling through them and they are not stapled together. They are only paperclipped, something is bound to get lost or mixed up so that is why she started putting them on the shared drive. Everybody that had Gmail could look at them but not everybody had Gmail. I thought it was easier access. People who were on travel or whatever still had that access to look at the budgets that were on the drive and there wasn't all this having to go through all the stacks of budgets. She did have them available. If you want to see them, she had them. For her, it was better to keep them in the organized fashion she liked them and just able to look at them on the google drive.

**Councilwoman Charette:** That's what Andrea asked. She said is everybody on that drive able to see them. I can see them.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I can see them.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** I didn't even know that existed.

**Councilwoman Charette:** That's what she was going to try to send it out. I said resend it to them, to the whole council.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Yeah, that would make it easier.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Then if you wanted to make changes, you can. You would pull them up on google drive. You know say, if Debbie had Brandon in her office and she wanted a copy of that, then she could just print it off, you know he could make those changes right there and he could bring it the budget hearing. He would be able to present with that change and with the accountant there and everything would be changed right there. I think it would help so that everything is done in one spot and then everything is complete when it comes to you. That would help. Also, I thought I made that recommendation to before. When you first became the President, I made that recommendation to have an all staff meeting with your programs and find out who needed that training for budgets or whoever. To get them acquainted with their accountant and get the accountant acquainted with the new laws because I know a lot of the accountants in finance. Well, some of the accountants in finance, they follow their rule of thumb from when they very first started work here. As time goes on, laws change, things get added. You know, the funding agency changes, add new law or changes things and the accountants won't budge because they still follow what they learned at the beginning. I would like to make that recommendation to you again to get your directors acquainted with their accountants and get the adequate training that they need. Budget training, you know, get the accountants up to date with the funding agencies and their changes so that we can have a smooth process.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** And that'll show you who your

**President Wetherelt:** I think that needs to go through the treasurer for them to get acquainted with the changes.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** I know, but that would be you to set up your program directors with finance. That would be something that you would have to do to set up your program directors times to meet with them.

**Councilwoman Charette:** Yeah, we can all work together.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** And that will show you who is capable.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Like she's saying, the importance of budgets. It is important.

**President Wetherelt:** We are not the ones that look at those applications when they hire them so we don't even know if they are qualified. Only the person that screens them are the ones that know what their qualifications are.

**Councilwoman Lonebear:** Well, that's another hinderance that we'll get into at a later time. Too many steps for that. But no, I mean, then you will know which one of your directors are failing and there are directors that are failing. That affects the resources that are suppose to be provided to our membership. So, that'll show you, that'll be a good tool to show you who's not capable of doing their job.

**Councilwoman Lonbear:** Motion to adjourn.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Second.

**President Wetherelt:** I would like to go into executive session right after we are done here. We have something we wanted to put on the agenda but I would like for us to meet on it first and maybe put it on the next agenda.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Ok, so just have a quick meeting after this.

**President Wetherelt:** Yeah. A quick executive session.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** A working session because an executive session means we are still in session.

**President Wetherelt:** We can have a working session. Yeah.

**Councilwoman Fisher:** Ok.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

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 Talawyma</b>	X			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	X			

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:10 A.M.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.



Edina Redstar, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe