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REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES
May 1, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION: Melissa Lonebear

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette <i>*entered chambers @ 9.14 a.m.</i>	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote		X	
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President		X	X
Torrey Davie	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	10	2	1

Quorum Established

DISCUSSION: ITEM #3 – INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE UPDATE

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: Good morning, it's good to see everybody. It's May 1st. This is the sign of the weather staying warm and stable. The biggest update that we have is our flooring project is entering another stage where we are reflooring the outpatient/urgent care parts of our facility. That's going to impact, of course, our clinics and our direct care spaces. We have designated areas. A Facebook announcement went out from our Service Unit Facebook page. It started last week and it'll go through the 10th of May. So, we are looking at another week and half of the flooring project. It's been coming along ok. I think the biggest hurdle we had, up to date, was just closing the pharmacy. That had a big impact. Our pharmacy is open now. It's been open for about a week, week and a half. We do have people coming in for temporary duties (TDY). Pharmacist from other agencies coming to help staff. Our clinical staff services for pharmacists, we just have some vacancies right now that we are trying to get filled. That's the biggest update for this week and this month is our flooring project.

9:15 A.M. AMANDA WHITSHIRT ENTERS CHAMBERS

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: We also have. Changing our hours. We changed our Wednesday hours to just have, be closed every Wednesday from 8 to 12:30 to accommodate administrative time for our staff for training; for any type of meetings. So, Wednesday mornings from 8 to 12:30 we are closed for administrative meetings and those type of things for our staff. As a facility, to maintain our accreditation, we have to maintain our credentials; our trainings. So, in order to operate, we need to maintain our accreditation status as a facility. We did have our governing body meeting last week. I know that Kayla and Kim Dahle were at the meeting with our Billings Area leadership over at the facility. That was a very good meeting. We had a lot of good dialogue and interaction with Tribal Board of Health. I'm actually really pleased over the past, probably 5 to 6 months, meeting with Board of Health. We've been meeting regularly, at least weekly now, with the Board of Health discussing issues that comprise of the Tribal Programs and how we can partner with the Northern Cheyenne Service Unit and our staffing. The meetings have been very productive. There're some issues that we are dealing with. I guess personnel from both the housekeeping side of things with stable housekeeping services for that. The other thing that we have that's coming up is, we are intending to have a health fair. I believe June 29th is the upcoming event to coincide with some of the activities that are being planned by the Board of Health. I know June is a busy month for our Tribe. You know, we have our Commemoration of the Battle of the Little Bighorn and the Battle Where the Girl Saved Her Brother and the Battle of the Rosebud. All those activities are occurring in June and so we going to try to coincide and partner with the Tribal Board of Health for the community outreach activities. I communicated with my staff and my service unit that we need to be more part of our tribal community. Especially the ones that have been in our service unit for quite a while. They seem to just stay in the facility then they go home. We are trying to do more community outreach activity, like the Tribal Health Fair and our Service Unit Health Fair. We are going to try to coordinate those with the BIA. I think the BIA field or park out there by the police department for a career fair, I mean, not a career fair but a health fair. We also want to partner with the Board of Health with community outreach like around the pow wow for information about public health concerns. Like right now, syphilis is still kind of a public health concern. I think the last time we checked, there were 60 cases in our borders. I think 44 of them have been treated with the syphilis treatment, which I think is penicillin. Which is still a concern because our pow wow is coming up so we are going to have a lot more folks coming in to our community from other neighboring travel communities whether it be Crow Nation or Lakota Nations from South Dakota and North Dakota. I don't want to make anybody paranoid but I think the last time I checked Pine Ridge had an excess of 167 cases of syphilis so they have quite a few compared to what we have. But granted they have a lot of more tribal members in their borders than we do so that's something we have to try to mitigate is that potential rise in syphilis cases come these events. That is what we are preparing for. I think with that I don't have any other updates. I'll leave it to take questions from tribal leadership about anything that I need to address with my facility or to work in conjunction with the Tribal Health Program.

President Wetherelt: Any questions?

Councilwoman Fisher: I left the room but I just wanted to ask how your recruiting is going? Or your hiring?

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: What's that?

Councilwoman Fisher: Your hiring.

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: Our hiring?

Councilwoman Fisher: Or your recruitment.

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: Our recruitments? We do have or we just recently have brought in a new, permanent, nurse practitioner. She started in April, last month. She came from Pine Ridge. She is a full-time provider. We did recruit and hire a physical therapist supervisor because Russell Case left our facility in December. We selected a new physical therapist supervisor who was here before. His name is, I think Julian, he is a commission core officer. He's coming back. He wants to come back and work for NCUS. So, we made that selection. We have some, couple of new contract providers that are providing care Urgent Care for our facility. We are in the process of negotiating with our new Clinical Director CMO. That position was advertised for and we have a panel for that. Hopefully we'll get a new Clinical Director, CMO this summer. That'll be really helpful for our Urgent Care Department. That's kind of been the toughest department for us to staff and to find coverage. Yeah, that's our updates for recruitments. There are some more announcements coming out. We did hire three pharmacy technicians from the community here, some tribal members. Also, in our supply department, in transportation, we hired another driver who is also a tribal member. I'm really thankful and blessed that we have more people from our community and our tribal members applying for our positions at our service unit to work as full-time employees there. I will be advertising, I think in the next couple weeks, my executive secretary will be out in the streets for advertisement for a GS-7 level, executive secretary. I encourage any of you that if you know anybody that's interested, look out for that advertisement on USA Jobs. I'll be the hiring official for that position. Any other questions?

Sheldon King: I have a question. Are we trying to find a solution to minimize the waiting time for like appointments and stuff? Because, it's kind of killer just to get in for dental. You get in to make an appointment and then it is 2 months out or almost a month out. For behavioral health, it's almost, geez it's forever. But that the Board of Health. But that dental part is where my question is because my kids, you know, it just takes forever.

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: Ok, yeah. I appreciate you saying that Sheldon. The dental part of that, we have a staffing shortage in dental. We just hired our dental secretary to help address the dental appointment issue and also the prioritization of our care. Trying to refer most people out that require root canals and those types of things. But we also have some capability to do that inhouse so it's kind of impacting our day to day, like pediatric dental care. Part of that is that we are also looking at advertising another dental officer position. One of our dental officers, right now, is on extended leave and it's impacting our pediatric dental care patients. They were on extended leave, they had some health issues. They came back for a bit but now they are on extended leave for the rest of the summer so that's really pushing back and putting pressure on our dentist to pick up the slack, sort of speak, for our pediatric dentist. I know that is an issue.

Sheldon King: I have another question too. Like Crow, they offer braces for their, I mean, over there and I thought that since we lived in Busby that we would be able to be in that zone over there but we're not allowed to do that. So, you know, braces are a good thing because I paid for my oldest daughters and they were about seven thousand dollars for her braces. If they are offering them over at Crow then why aren't we up to par with that. Even our optometry with contacts. They are starting to issue out contacts over at the optometry in Crow also.

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: Yeah, I understand the priority, the need with priority with services. Some of those things, we will have to look at. I can talk with Crow Service Unit Director or CEO and see how they strategized and how they were able to do that. There might be some support from some cost share with the Tribe that they probably did with the Crow Nation. I can definitely talk with Crow about that. So, braces and contacts are the two things additional services they provide. It comes down to our PRC dollars too. A lot of our PRC dollars are tied up with dialysis and transportation costs with that. So, we have to look at that. There's also the business side of healthcare where we look at how we generate revenue and that's through provided enrollment in which we are trying to get all our providers enrolled in CMS Medicare and Medicaid so we can recoup those costs from providing care. That's something that we are looking at so we can be more flexible with healthcare dollars and offer more services beyond just our basics. So, that's something that we'll have to look at too is, is it in our budget and our operations package. We did advertise for a, our financial, a budget officer which was advertised and selected. So, those are two positions. Our PRC Supervisor and Budget officer were selected. We have a tribal member that was selected for our PRC position and we also have a member of the Crow nation that was selected for our operations. So, that's going to help us with looking at some of those other needs that we need to address with our community whether it be expansion of services or coverage of other services beyond just our basic. You know, tier 1 or tier 2, looking at tier 3 and tier 4 which is what Crow is probably looking at doing right now.

Sheldon King: The elders in our district were wondering too because they offer implants also and they don't do that down here. So, that was another thing that was questioned by our elders in our district.

Councilman Davie: Can our tribal members go get these services from over in Crow?

Sheldon King: No.

Councilman Davie: Why is that? Our name is on the hospital.

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: They get some of their appropriation because of our region population as well because we have people that live within the area that they call the community health service delivery area which encompasses a portion of our rez. Especially our Busby district. They should be able to get those services. When it comes to PRC dollars, the referral usually come out of our services unit for them to be covered.

Sheldon King: So, are they using us as their numbers over there in Crow too?

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: Depends on what the boundaries is for the Chisda. Again, it's a little squishy because we have people that come from Crow to our facility too. It's a little complicated because I really don't know how they came up with that formula. So, that's something I will have to ask the Area Office and Crow. Like, what's the percentage of our patience here that get seen there and also what's covered? What do you guys cover because it is Crow Northern Cheyenne Hospital. I do let them know. You know, they do call themselves Crow Service Unit and I say you guys are Crow Northern Cheyenne Hospital. So, our Northern Cheyenne Tribal members should be able to get the same services that Crow Nation folks do because they're part of that area.

Sheldon King: And it's just this specifically because I am making big deal about this one. When you get over there to try to make an appointment, they just tell you automatically that you are not a Crow Tribal member and you have to go to Lame Deer to get help. The majority of the people, they come down from Billings to get help. We are only 20 miles away and Billings is 50 miles away. I think that we should be still capable of getting the same services at that hospital.

Capt. Damion Killsback, CEO: Ok. Thank you. Yeah, I will definitely follow up with that with the Billings Area Office and the Crow Service Unit Director, CEO. Thanks. Anything else? Any other questions?

President Wetherelt: I don't think so.

Councilwoman Fisher: Thank you.

Councilman Davie: Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilwoman Fisher: Serena, can we start from the top now?

President Wetherelt: Ok. The next item on our agenda is Elderly, Silver Little Eagle.

Councilwoman Friesz: Can we do announcements? I just have a quick announcement. Today, they're having the grand opening for the Morningstar Federal Credit Union down at PPCD, by Courtesy Cash at 1 o'clock today and they are serving free hamburgers and hot dogs. They will have a presentation at 1 and then they will serve food after.

Councilwoman Lonebear: And then on Friday, the 5th, is MMIP Awareness and there will be a walk from the BIA to here. It has been 10 years since Hannah passed away. I know it's everyone's day off but it would be nice if we can get representation.

Councilwoman Charette: What time is it going to start?

Councilwoman Lonebear: It's either at 8 or 9. I put the flyer on my page.

President Wetherelt: It's starting from the BIA?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Yeah and that afternoon we will go to Hardin for Bighorn County to the Courthouse at 3.

Councilwoman Charette: What time is that one?

Councilwoman Fisher: At 3?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: And where does that one start at?

Councilwoman Lonebear: That one is just at the Courthouse.

Councilwoman Fisher: Any other updates?

Councilwoman Charette: Donavin, do you want to announce your Wednesday evening activities?

Councilman Limberhand: Wednesday we got the softball game. The north wing vs. the south wing at 6 p.m. There will be concessions.

President Wetherelt: At what time?

Councilman Limberhand: 6

Councilwoman Fisher: People's Park?

Councilman Limberhand: People's Park, yeah.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, Hannah's starts at 8:30 at the BIA parking lot.

Councilwoman Charette: And then they had baskets, right? If anybody wanted to donate.

Councilwoman Lonebear: That's for the pow wow.

Councilwoman Fisher: That's for the giveaway.

President Wetherelt: What are they doing? What are we doing Wednesday over there?

Councilman Limberhand: Softball.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Fundraiser.

Councilman Limberhand: Fundraiser.

Councilwoman Charette: It's going towards the 4th of July activities, right?

Councilman Limberhand: Yup.

Councilwoman Fisher: Any other announcements? Ok, #1 Silver, Elderly.

President Wetherelt: Elderly

DISCUSSION: ITEM #1 – ELDERLY

Councilwoman Little Eagle: The fridge system at the Elderly Program, last week they were finally able to do some work on it. So, hopefully it'll be finished soon. That has been going on since October of 2022 that the fridge has been down. The Elderly Program will be getting in Amazon boxes which is free stuff that goes specifically to the elders. Once the Elderly gets a date of when the shipment is coming in, we'll need volunteers to like unload and just document what goes in and what goes out. We are also beginning work on the annual elderly garden. This year, we would like to implement box gardens for individual elders who would like to care for their garden but lack the space. Lastly, this was sent with some urgency, the elderly program is waiting for Title VI budgets. The fiscal year started April 1. They are also waiting for their general fund budget and the fiscal year started 10/1/22. That's it.

Councilwoman Charette: I'll make that request to move the, maybe switch budgets and Bureau of Indian Affairs. She's bringing in the resolution.

Councilwoman Fisher: She requested to move budgets down to 4 and move #4 up to now.

DISCUSSION: ITEM #1 –BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPDATE

Supt. Andy Werk: Good morning again. Tribal Council, I hope you had a good weekend. I guess if any of you folks haven't met me or I guess the listening public out there, my name is Andy Werk Jr. Again, the Superintendent here for Agency for the BIA. I was thinking on the way over here, I thought it was 6 but it's been 9 months since I've been here. This meeting is actually my first official with the council on record. I'll run through some, this report I have, I got notice late Thursday or Friday but regardless. It's kind of in a rough format but in the future, I'll get it in a better format and get you folks a written copy and email it to you also. I'll just run through some of the programs. Some of the information I have coming out of the programs at the agency. For Probate, probate cases that are open, case prep for FY 23, there are 22 cases; for 22 there's 63; 21 there's 99. This is for trust. For non-trust, no trust assets for 23. 16 cases for 23; FY 22 there's 43 and FY 21 there's 54 cases. The office is currently working of prep cases for desk from April 2021. Approximately 50% of 99 completed or transferred to OHA, the Office of Hearing and Appeals in Billings for review. We've got, currently, 115 cases with OHA. 6 cases with BTFA, OST. The administration, I wanted to give you folks an update on vacancies right now for the agency. The Deputy Superintendent is under Regional review before it is submitted to Central Office. We've got 3 range positions. 1 is the Range Management

Specialist and 2 techs, I think. They were approved by the Regional workforce planning committee and they've been submitted to HR Classification. Once it gets thru the process there, it'll go to HR Recruitment. We've got a Realty Assistant that is currently awaiting selection. We got a cert for that and we have 2 applicants. Our hiring committee needs to convene this week and make a decision on that position. We've got 3 Social Services Representatives with HR Classification. Besides that, we have 2 new social workers that are going to be coming on board soon. One was actually scheduled to start this week. They're DU, not Indian Preference. Initially, we did not have any Indian Preference applicants. They are getting pushed back a little, maybe a few weeks for some on boarding issues. Hopefully they will be starting soon, in the next few months, 2 more social workers. That'll be very helpful at the Agency and for the kids.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Andy, really quick before you go further. We had a meeting with Law Enforcement last week. We would like to schedule a meeting with all the, with Human Services here and Social Services staff and the ICWA Committee. Just so we can get the lines of communication open.

Councilwoman Fisher: Andy, I was distracted a little bit but did you say you have the Range jobs open?

Supt. Andy Werk: Well, they're were approved. The internal process with the Bureau, there's a work force planning committee at the Region. They were approved there and they were submitted to HR Classification. Once they get through that process then they will go to recruitment. Once they get through recruitment then they'll be advertised on USA Jobs. I'll also, I'll send you, I made a note Councilwoman Lonebear, I'll send you an email. Just let me know when you folks want to schedule that. At fire, as far as vacancies, they may have some additional temporary positions available. I'll make sure I follow up our FMO, Tracy, and get back to you folks. Fire aides or technicians, equipment operators. I know a lot of times, at this time of year, AD's are coming on board. That'll be depending on final funding for his program though. We've got a Timber Sales Forester PD under review right now with the Region. We've got a custodial worker that we are prepping for the workforce planning committee at the Region for review. I don't know if you folks new or not but it wasn't too long after I started that Darlene Limberhand, she retired at the Agency, not too long after I started. We've got a Realty Specialist, it's a term position, that we are prepping for the workforce planning committee also. You know, like I mentioned, those 2 social workers have been hired. We are just waiting on a start date. Trying to get some onboarding issues worked out. Fire, we have some seasonals coming back to work for the Agency at the end of May. They're staffing up 4 engines. The Agency got a new dozer from Boise. It had some issues so it's in the shop but we will be getting it here to the Agency soon. Most of the staff at Fire are at an Engine Operator Course in Hardin this week. That includes the FMO also a few specialists, as instructors. We got 6 AD's attending as students. We had a couple of fires over the weekend. Most people might have seen the Sweet Medicine one. President contacted me about that. Fortunately, they were able to get those contained and put out. I'll be reaching out to the President also for Fires Annual Operating Plan. I'll bring the FMO over for the meeting. Fire's also preparing for their Annual Readiness Review. That'll be in June. Preventions getting ready for a review. They are issuing burn permits, once they come in. They are going to be revisiting or they would like to revisit the burn permit process with the Environmental Protection Development. The FMO mentioned this that

folks have not been going through the Tribe to get permits. Something I'll make a note and follow up on the outside of this meeting.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Is there an order put out or a notice?

Supt. Andrew Werk: I'm not sure but I'll check on that.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Ok

Councilwoman Charette: Was it even lifted?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Maybe just a reminder that it is not lifted from last year.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, I think it's still put out.

President Wetherelt: Yeah, it was.

Councilwoman Lonebear: It wasn't lifted so yeah, we just need to put a notice out saying it still exists.

Councilwoman Charette: Still in effect.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Ok. For the AD Program, we had about 60 individuals sign up this year. Around 40 are cleared or will be cleared medically soon to complete the PACT test. We also have 7 that are camp crew, dispatch or time keepers. In June, they will be starting the 16-17 Program. We average about 25 youth workers. That's it for Fire for now. As far as facilities goes, they will be starting on a new roof for building 131. I think that's Forestry's building. We are waiting on material for the new well at the youth corrections facility. Also, for the new roof there. It's out for bid now, that facility. I know I just want to kind of side bar from that. That facility has been a high priority for the Agency, for the Region and for the Central office. I just want the council to be aware of that. As the weather's gotten warmer here, they will get that new well punched in out there like I mentioned. As the weather gets a little warmer then they'll get the contractor in place on it, there'll be a new roof. That way we can get staff back in there and then services are available at that facility. We've got a new Forest Management Plan for Forestry. We are waiting on final approval at the Regional Office for that. I know that came over here to the Tribe. We are going to be moving forward with the Richard Springs salvage logging unit. I know that's been a long time coming here between the Bureau and the Tribe. We received comments on a draft EA. We'll make sure we continue moving forward on that. We got a steady supply of timber appraisal requests from Realty related to land transactions. I know they work closely with Realty on that. I know Alonzo is also sitting on the Tribe's black footed ferret committee. I was invited by Ms. Killnight. I sat in on one call for that. We'll just make sure we continue to support that effort and coordinate with her. Our Social Services, we currently have a total of 4 staff at Social Services. I know some of the Council met Rachel Felter. She is the new Supervisory Social Worker. I guess in mentioning that, I think what I'll be doing in the future, if I continue to come over here on a monthly basis, I'll bring department heads over to meet the council. I know your agenda is usually pretty set for this venue but

outside of that I know some of the program managers there are in talks with President and some of the Council, is coming over and providing a presentation or some type of orientation for informational purposes to the Council. I know I come over on Tuesday's. We can schedule that, in the future, if you'd like. Right now, there's the Supervisory Social Worker there; we got 2 Social Worker Reps; a new assistant there. I mentioned earlier, we have 2 social workers coming on board. Those jobs, even though we have 2 social workers coming on board, those jobs are still currently advertised on USA Jobs. Also, I know, I had some communication with some folks about an interest for even Tribal members here. I would encourage, especially Tribal members here, to apply for a social worker position at the Agency, if you're interested. We currently have 84 child welfare cases with social services. We have 2 supervised IIM Accounts cases active. We currently don't have General Assistance due to lack of funding. When we get allocations, we apply the money to our child welfare program for assistance to children in care. The supervisor made a note here, we will continue to work to keep children safe and work with families on reunification. They also have been doing some collaboration with Human Services here at the Tribe; Recovery, Tribal Court and Tribal Prosecutor's office. Make sure they communicate with Rachel on Councilwoman Lonebear's request to schedule a meeting. The staff continues to work on educational goals by attending trainings. One other note I did have, we do currently still have IDIQ contract in place between the Agency here. There's a couple of the other Agencies that are involved with that; Ft. Peck. That's with the Regional office also. We have contractors that come out here and support the Social Services Program. That contract is currently being considered for renewal. Some tidbits here from Self-Determination. Most of the FY'23 tribal priority allocation funding has been distributed to the programs. We're still waiting to receive Forestry Development Project funds. This month, we will be issuing another payment of contract support cost fund to all 638 contracts. I know last week, there was an AI23 review for HIP. I missed their entrance. I was on leave that morning and I know Alicia was in training. I know they came over here and met with the Tribe. The review focused on FY'22 program records, case files, budget and contract documents. It looks like the review went well and the BIA will share the results once the report is finalized. I'll continue to work with Secretary Redstar. I communicate directly with her, also, and Alicia in reviewing resolutions and ordinances that are received. Alicia has been assisting with Range Management and the Tribe's broadband right-a- way project also. As far as Self Determination, upcoming important deadlines are FY'24 re-contracting proposals; a reminder will be sent out this week. They are due June 30th. Another reminder, the single audit report deadline is June 30th. We will be scheduling FY'23 AOTR Program reviews soon. We currently still don't have a Realty Officer for the Agency. I just want to make the Council aware. It hasn't been approved yet. As far as our Org chart, we wanted to, our plan for us at the Agency is to hold off, for now, on a Realty Officer. I plan of getting a Deputy Superintendent hired to oversee, especially Range Program and Realty. The reason, also for that, is to hire, like a mentioned earlier, a term Realty Specialist. Right now, with the work load at the Agency for the Realty, I'm sure the Council gets concerns about that, especially from the community. I know those are related to myself, whether I'm speaking directly with the Council or the President. Big work load. We have a back log and we just need to continue to work diligently to get caught up and making sure we're providing services as quickly as we can for our customers. So, that's part of the mind set of not currently hiring a Realty Officer and getting another term Realty Specialist in to the office to help with that work load, especially with a Realty assistant coming on board also. As far as Realty, most of the day to day work there revolves around homesite applications, lease hold mortgages. I know I

see a lot of those, which is good. Land sales, ag leases also. This year, we did have for FY'22 some expiring ag leases. Instead of putting those out for bid, we worked with the Regional Office for some TA. What we offered was Ag lease proposals for renewals on those. It seems the operators are very receptive to that. I know it streamlines the process more. There's a caveat to that also because they are not posted or put out for bid. Also, in the public notice, when that's done, folks have a right to appeal that also, whether it be the land owner or someone else has an interest in leasing those tracts. The whole point is to offer the renewal to the existing operator that leasing that. We may be doing that again for the ag leases that will be expiring for FY'23 but we haven't gotten there yet. As far as realty, another thing I want to mention was the Tribe's Broadband right-a-way project. I know Councilwoman Charette, I see her on the agenda for that project. We did have one call, it was really good. It was kind of really informal but the Tribe's attorney, Brian Chestnut, was on there. If I can remember right, I think Kyle Alderman, maybe Ray Bigleft, the project managers were on that call. That was a good onset call. We haven't had one since. It's been very limited but there's been some communication, by email mostly, with the Tribe's attorney, Brian Chestnut. I know Brian's been waiting on me for a response on, not only a letter that was sent out a year ago, originally by the President but a follow up letter in March and those focused on expiring right-a-ways, which there's currently 868 of them and that kind of got melted in with the Tribe's broadband right-a-way project also. I did get another letter from the President in February reminding the Agency about the letter that was sent last February. The Tribe here is still waiting on, not only digital, but paper copies from the original letter on those expiring right-a-ways. So, an update, as far as that goes, I know when I met with the President last Tuesday, I was hoping to get that to her office by the end of the week. We just have a few more items that we are trying to get wrapped up and I'm thinking that's going to be early next week. So, we did, the Agency originally looked at it, even after I came on board, 868 expiring right-a-ways. There's a lot of supporting documents once you get into TAAMS and take a look at the images. I had the staff tell me they looked at one. I think there was over 200 images in there just for one right-a-way. With assistance from the Region, we engaged CGI, it was the Bureau's contractor for TAAMS and put in a request. CGI was able to download all of those right-a-ways. They are currently working with the Region's I.T. Department for those to be downloaded onto our Agency's share drive and those are also going to be placed on an external hard drive for the Tribe for your records. So, that was a pretty good effort. Besides that, I know initially I got a KMC file of the planned route coming from Forsyth for the Tribe's broadband project and the service area on the reservation. So, we had the Region do a map overlay. So, I do have a map that is going to be making its way over here and a spreadsheet that shows all the tracts that are going to be included in that route, the broadband project. Alicia is currently, like I said, she's been assisting on this project. Pulling all the public TSR's out of TAAMS and putting those tracts on that spreadsheet, which there is over 500 of them. Even out of those expired right-a-ways, it's three quarters of that. Those should be completed today. Also, I did, last Tuesday, I did give the President a copy of the national policy, memo, that's been put out. It's actually was put in place a year ago and it expired on April 17 but it was renewed April 18 by the Director. That policy memo, its intent is to streamline right-a-ways for broadband projects like, you know, the funds the grant that the Tribe received. As a follow up to this meeting, I will mail that memo out the entire Council for you to read. I've gone through it. I don't know if I can exactly speak to it. From what I've read, there are some things in the memo that I can see that can be beneficial to the Tribe that can help streamline the process for your project. The other thing that I want to mention is I was on a data call from the Region last week

and it was a data call for staffing needs for these projects. Besides Northern Cheyenne, Rocky Boy and Blackfeet both received grants out of our Region also so the other Superintendents and staff were on that call. It's a data call coming out of the Central office. It sounds promising so the main point is hopefully getting more staff here to assist the Agency to support this project for the Tribe. We are requesting three more Realty Specialists. I think there's definitely a need for help for the Environmental Office out of the Region for environmental work that has to be done for these projects. Also, which I thought was good, they are asking for project managers to be hired. Hopefully that'll be three, one for each Agency to support their own Tribe. Hopefully, it sounds promising so I'm hoping that we'll be able to get done to help support this project. I'll make sure to keep the Council updated on that as more information. Moving over to Range. Still currently don't have any positions in Range right now. I mentioned where they were at in the process right now. I know Councilwoman Fisher asked me and I'll make sure I keep you folks updated on that. That program is definitely a priority to get some positions filled there. Besides myself, I've been having to get other staff to assist with that program and staff out of the Regional office also. There's definitely a back log there. We are behind. I know, I am aware that the Council put in a new grazing board in place outside of the council. I did send over the first-round applications over here to the Council and I assume the grazing board will consider those, now the new grazing board. I talked to Councilman Limberhand that there's going to be a meeting tomorrow and he asked that I come over and attend so I will. As far as that goes, it might take me a little bit to schedule but I know in prior talks with the President and maybe some Council members, I can come over for an initial meeting and see if I can get not only some staff here at the Agency but maybe some staff out of the Region. Definitely out of Natural Resources to provide some TA to support the grazing board or training or orientation to help the grazing board. We definitely want to keep in close communication with the new grazing board and support the Tribe. Just waiting for the new grazing board to have their meeting to consider those first round applications. Once that's done, we're going to be moving as quickly as we can on the second and third round. Especially it being so late. The mind-set, for myself and the staff at the Agency, is just to throw the second and third round together and let the board consider that. With the existing permits, we did send out some ten-day show cause letters. Most of those have been resolved. We've had a few cancellations. Mostly voluntarily for different reasons. The permittee did their own cancellation. I may have to cancel, as it stands, one right now, due to non-payment but we'll see. We still are having to wait on a timeline as far as it being put out publicly. The other thing I just wanted to mention was compliance, especially trespass. As we get the Range Program stood back up and making sure that we're staying in close communication with the grazing board, I really want the Agencies to start focusing on delinquencies and compliance in making sure that we are not only following the ordinance here but the CFR in being consistent. I'm a little reluctant that we've had some internal discussions about the current delinquency list that's at the Agency. Some of that is really old but I just want to make sure that that is accurate and it's updated and making sure that we are making, especially the grazing board, aware and we're communicating with them once we start doing some type of enforcement on delinquencies.

President Wetherelt: I have a comment, not really trespassing I guess, but there's about 14 head of horses that are in town here. They're mostly on the southside. At night we've had to chase them out many, many times out of our yard but now the dogs are barking. They are keeping people up because they are barking at those horses. I don't know, they usually stop

when we go out there to chase them away. I haven't gotten to see a brand on it. I don't know who they belong to but they are very, they should all be, I don't have a fence but they go all over the place. There's a vacant lot beside us too. I think they go all the way around because the dogs bark all the way up Sweet Medicine.

Councilman Limberhand: I have a question. I don't know if this would go towards you but as far as the units, who do you talk to about if there's a position to spray for weeds, obnoxious weeds that are pretty much taking over most of the grass. I know there should be a program that sprays for obnoxious weeds. There's a lot up Muddy Creek, up Kirby. I don't know if there's a program that we have that will spray these units for all the weeds.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Well, I think I've been made aware of that in the past, I think when the Bureau ran the Range Program, they did some spraying for obnoxious weeds. I'll follow up on that. You reminded me. I think I got an email from the Region late last week. I think there was a deadline too to submit, I don't know if it was funding but I'll get it pushed over here. I'll just email the entire Council. I think it's today if the Tribe wanted to, it was another reminder if the Tribe wanted to opt in but it was for obnoxious weeds Councilman Limberhand. I'll follow up and see what the Agency's responsibility is with obnoxious weeds. I don't know if anyone does that within the Tribe or the Programs. I know, certainly not to speak for them, but I know sometimes in my prior experience, the Tribal Roads Maintenance might do some of that like along the right-a-ways but I'll follow up on our end what kind of resources there are within the Bureau and I'll get back to you. Also, about the horses, President Wetherelt, I'll make sure we are following and doing compliance on that. If it's in the town here, I don't know if there are any ordinances that I can take a look at through the land department or through Housing.

President Wetherelt: I think they can probably take the brands down; let the owners know and I think if they don't comply, you can get them for trespassing.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Ok

Councilman Limberhand: I'm trying to get that Ferrell horse deal going again to where they can round up horses and take them to the rodeo grounds. In the ordinance, I don't know how many days they have to come claim their horses.

Councilwoman Lonebear: There is an ordinance that exists for that already. Unless it was rescinded.

President Wetherelt: No, it's still in place.

Councilman Limberhand: I'm trying to get that rolling here to help clean out the units for the operators because there are a lot of Ferrell horses out there.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Yeah, I've been made aware a few times about obnoxious weeds. Betinada is one that I keep hearing that is on the reservation here that is a bad weed.

Councilman Limberhand: Not poison hemlock, it's about 6 feet high. It kills everything.

Councilman Davie: Amanda had a question for you.

Amanda Whiteshirt: Thank you. Yeah. Trespassing? Who do you contact for trespassing? Tearing down fences and going onto your land?

Supt. Andrew Werk: You can contact me directly ma'am or the Realty. I don't want to say Range Department because there is no one currently working in there but you can contact me directly at the Agency or the Realty Department.

Amanda Whiteshirt: Thank you. Thank you very much. I'll do that.

Supt. Andrew Werk: What was your name ma'am?

Amanda Whiteshirt: Amanda Whiteshirt. Two names, White Shirt.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Ok.

Amanda Whiteshirt: Thank you.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Yes ma'am. As far as Range to, I know I've talked to the President and I just want to make sure we are staying in close communication with that about Ferrell wild horses, even buffalo. You're not going to see me anytime soon trying to impound buffalo. I just want to make the Council aware that I've gotten reports from permittees about buffalo getting into their range units. I just want to say with that also that I know, I am aware that the Tribe took over management of the buffalo again. I have yet to meet Brandon Small. From what I understand, he is working diligently to work on the buffalo program. We will be communicating with him and supporting those efforts. I've had some things reported to me about fence being cut. I know buffalo, regardless, they have a tendency to go where they want. I just want the Council to be aware of that because on the flip side of that I have a responsibility to the permittee also for grass that they pay for. As far as wild horses, you know I know I was made aware in the past, prior to my coming here, there was a pretty good size horse round up. As we kind of get more situated here, I will be talking with the President about that and the Council about coordinating those efforts because I'm hearing the same thing from permittees also as far as wild horses being in their range units and eating grass that they pay for. We did buy some new equipment for the Range program. Some new trailers, some new panels that we are going to be getting soon to help with that. I'll just make sure that I keep communicating with the Tribe here as we move forward on that. I was actually able to, Tommy Lafranier stopped by my office on Friday to report a compliance issue. Richard did some compliance over the weekend. I'll be looking at a report on that. I just want to encourage the Council or anyone out in the listening community, if you see anything that looks like non-compliance or trespass, please report it to the Agency and we'll follow up and do compliance. That's all I have for now Madam Chair. I don't know if there any other questions from the Council.

Councilman Limberhand: The broadband, are you going to be getting extra staff coming down for that project?

Supt. Andrew Werk: Yeah. That's what I was mentioning. We had a data call last week and that call with the Region was set up for staffing needs. It does sound, listening to the Regional office, it sounds like it's promising. Prior to that, I had some communication with some Regional office staff asking what kind of needs we have here. So, like I mentioned earlier, with that data call last week, we are requesting three Realty Specialists here. There was some discussion about, you know, it's going to be more work for the environmental office at the Region also. Surveys I know is, I didn't mention that earlier, surveys are a big issue. I know when I first started, prior to that, the Agency had pushed some funds over here to the Tribe for surveying. I know when I followed up a few times, it sounds like the Tribe has had some trouble getting a contractor to come on board when it's been advertised. I did mention that on the data call last week. That maybe, if there's going to be an ask for resources that the Bureau can provide a surveyor, even if it's just for this project. Like I said earlier, the project managers, or whoever came up with that idea for these projects I think is good. There's just a suggestion on the call, if that project manager could be with, you know, like say if it's a project manager assigned to this reservation or agency, they could be with those realty specialists and if there's a surveyor or whatever staff. They just stick together as a team and they are just dedicated to that project. They have their office, that way they are being pulled away to work on other things and do double duty which can really side track staff.

Councilwoman Charette: That's why it's on the agenda.

Supt. Andrew Werk: So, the other thing I noticed in the memo is, and I'm sure way beyond, way over my head whether it's at Regional office or Central, I did mention it on the call last week. I noticed in the memo that the recipients, the grant recipients only have a year to expend those funds and that's not realistic at all. I'm sure there must be discussion between the Tribe's at a higher level that that's just not possible. I did notice in there that you can receive a waiver from the Secretary of Commerce if you request it. I just wanted to mention that if the Tribe wasn't already aware. In one of Brian's emails, he did mention, I think her name is Stephanie Henning, she works for NTIA. I planned on reaching out to her directly. I know the money comes from NTIA and there's a tiger team put in place. We just want to make sure we are coordinating our efforts with them.

President Wetherelt: I think we need to probably meet with her once our contractors come on regarding that because we haven't gotten our drawdown yet. That makes it more difficult.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Ok. Well, outside of your regular council meeting, if you need us to come over and meet with you. Even when your contractors are here, just let me know.

President Wetherelt: Ok.

Supt Andrew Werk: Oh, if can mention something else Councilwoman Fisher. The carnival, I thought was really good last Friday. I just want to make sure that we are supporting that effort; that collaboration with the Tribe in the future and really trying to get the Agency involved in community things. We didn't get involved in the clean-up day for Earth Day but we plan on having one on May 26th.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, the Agency is usually after the Tribe's. I want to say thank you too for providing an office space for Aryn Johnson. She really appreciates it. The basement.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Ok. Yeah, I reached out to OJS. I better check, I hadn't heard back from them but it sounded like they had it. Yeah, probably the childcare center then.

Councilwoman Little Eagle: Is there an update on the light r scan?

Supt. Andrew Werk: I just seen an email. I know we had the initial meeting where KR came and did that presentation, which I thought was good.

President Wetherelt: We corresponded to USGS because they were the ones that were going to pay for that light r. I haven't received any response from them yet but we did correspond to the that we were going to allow them to do the light r.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Ok. Any continued support you need with that, just let me know.

President Wetherelt: Thank you for your support. There was a call that was made at 7:30 and they never did get a response so that was yesterday. I was afraid because that wind was really blowing.

Supt. Andrew Werk: Yeah, I got ahold of Tracy right away and he said they were already moving with an engine. He told me it took about an hour or so to get it contained. The other thing is snakes are out too. My camp over here, Allen Jo and his wife. A lot of people, I've notice where I live, walk up that hill. They barely got up the hill and she almost stepped on a big snake. Between us and the Tribe, I'm going to see we can get it mowed because I know people use that trail but snakes are out. I don't know if anybody, I don't know about us at the Agency, but does anybody at the Tribe do that at all? If you get calls for snakes, does anybody have any programs. I'll sit and listen to your broadband report. I'll be over here at 10 tomorrow. I'll be in the office all week if any of the council needs to get ahold of me. My cell phone is on that signature or you can just email me.

DISCUSSION: ITEM #2 – BUDGETS

Councilwoman Charette: 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>
595K	NCDOT HIP CRRSAA	\$627,158.91
570-999	LIWAP	\$94,852.35
840G	TRIBAL FORESTRY	\$309,090.00
679	TRIBAL FORESTRY	\$1,390,811.22
570A	LIHEAP	\$16,738.65
314B	ELDERLY	\$18,921.00
678	TRANSIT OPERATING ASST.	\$225,767.08
830Q	DEMO/SITWORK	\$225,000.00
830K	ARPA-IT	\$572,666.18
250	FERAL HORSE MGMT.	\$27,798.67
630	HERD DEVELOPMENT	\$149,990.62
659	HIP	\$668,384.00
116	ROSEBUD LODGE	\$58,222.24
328B	ELDERLY	\$158,182.39
321B	ELDERLY	\$70,900.85

**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 Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: ITEM #5 – DISTRICT UPDATES

Sheldon King (Busby District Chair): Good morning everyone. We are starting to gear up for more activities. We see a lot of good activities coming out of Birney District. We are getting ready for our Mother’s Day meal and we are going to have it the day before Mother’s Day. Previous years we had a brunch; we fed our mothers; brought them in; we gave them a t-shirt and we brought

live entertainment is what we brought to the table because we want to honor our mothers. They are the most important part of our Tribe. They are our backbone of our Tribe, I always said. So, that is one of the activities that we got going. Then our Father's Day but we are really gearing up for our Busby days again. The Cheyenne Victory Day is what we named it a few years ago. We went through the Montana Tourism Grant. That was the biggest year that Busby District had ever had the biggest, it was huge. We had cars going down, we couldn't even get through on the streets of the people that lived in town. So, we're trying to gear up for that. I've got our art work done for this year's poster. I put three horses, Indian Relay horses, that are associated with each Tribe that was allied into the Battle of the Little Bighorn. So, I have the Lakota, I have the Northern Cheyenne, our flag in the middle on the faces of the horses and then I have the Northern Arapahoe on the other one and they're coming down, they're racing. So, that's another thing that we're really trying to push is for each activity in our District. We kind of got new officers so we're heading in the right direction. We're finding out what we can and cannot do and our capabilities as a team. So, that's really great. That's about it.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Who is your officers Sheldon?

Sheldon King: I'm the chairman. I've got Tionne Spang, she's the vice chairman. Tia Tallbull, she is our treasurer. We got Lori Madrigal, she's our secretary. But I really want to give a shout out to, now that there's more help from Board of Health, Edith Cain and Sandy Dixie Wilson, that they're starting to help out a lot more now than we have seen in previous years. So, that was really helpful. They're really going to help us get this Mother's Day even more, kind of reduce the cost for our, just using our District funds for that. So, this year's theme, we are going with, instead of t-shirts, we're going to have bags. We are going to give out totes for the women so they can use then all throughout the year and stuff. So, that's one of the things that we're going and this year we want to honor the five oldest women in our District because they are the matriarchs of their families and it's an honor to have them still alive and still with us within our district. So, we want to kind of give them and a big shout out and give them a separate gift rather than just a tote so we can honor them. I'm just looking forward to another year. We got a lot more activities. Try to get our youth and everybody involved in trying to do something and stay active. I really do appreciate the weight room and stuff that is just now opening up here. I think that most of the people that when they talk about it, I think we need to have a little bit more awareness on how to work out because some of them are intimidated when they go in there. That's what's brought up. It's kind of crazy but it's brought up. They want to go but they don't know how. Maybe there needs to be instructional courses or something to help them through that through our Board of Health. We did get in contact with Native American Partnership for Native America and they're going to start delivering to our food pantry again so that's going to be up and going. I think they are waiting for the final say that they are allowed back on the rez. I think that's what they are waiting for. We completed all of our paperwork. We are ready for that. So, the first order, we put that in. I stopped in, I went to a funeral out in Pine Ridge and then I stopped in and completed all the paperwork for that. So, that's done. Just a lot more things coming up too. You know we're gearing up for the pow wow.

Councilwoman Fisher: What are all the activities you do? You have the races, the pow wow, the walk.

Sheldon King: We are trying to do a walk but we don't want to because there is a family that does the Where the Girl Saved Her Brother walk so that's taken care of by Farrell and her sister. So, they got that one.

Councilwoman Fisher: So, you just do the races and the pow wow?

Sheldon King: Yeah, we just do the races. Horse shoes, we have, I think they were going to try to include some different activities but they want to do. The main thing is I wanted to know if you guys could reach out to any of your contacts in to the Lakota country and Northern Arapahoe and try to bring them up and try to make our victory dance one of the biggest things because we are honoring the Battle of the Little Bighorn and then we have a feast on that day too. This year it lands on a Saturday and Sunday. June 25 will be on a Sunday. So, I try to put all the activities around the days of the battle there on the 24th is a Saturday. We'll have the first race on Saturday and then the small pow wow and stuff. Just kind of get everybody acclimated and back into it. The 25th will be the final day. That's one of things that we are fortunate, just like Ashland and Lame Deer, that we have one of the biggest pow wows there. We are going to try to make it back to bigger than it was again due to covid and stuff, restrictions and stuff. We want to kind of snap back out of it; bring our people back into coming home and celebrating. You know, having family get-togethers again. Everybody loves to pow wows and do that. We are going to have a hand game tournament also. That's about it, I guess.

Councilwoman Fisher: Will your victory dance be on Sunday?

Sheldon King: Yeah. That Sunday would be the victory dance and the feast. That Tourism Grant goes in on June 1st, it's the cut-off date for that. So, in the next couple weeks, I'm going to have a resolution drawn up and then see if we can get it passed so we can use some of those tourism dollars. Because we want to do that and put up the billboard and get our radio time going.

Councilwoman Fisher: Can you use the artwork for some invitations too so we can send them out to the other Tribes?

Sheldon King: Yeah, we can get some invitations drawn up. One thing I really want to ask though is from Land Authority. If they can come in and till the pow wow arbor, inside of it. We want to throw fresh grass seed and stuff and see if we can try to get something growing before June 25th. I kind of want to get that done this week because everything is growing good. Then it's going to start raining and stuff. There's a lot of mole holes.

Councilwoman Fisher: I thought there was a tractor over there.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah, he'll do it. You'll just have to get with him.

Sheldon King: We'll just have to make arrangements? Tommy is pretty good about it. I know he comes through pretty quick.

Councilwoman Charette: He likes to do a lot of activities and he likes it for the community.

Sheldon King: Then, on the racetrack. On that back end, it's not completed. I know that Gene started it and then we went right into the races. I asked him a little bit too late but we want to ask if we can get that completed. Horses were starting to get away when they come around that back end. We had a girl that was riding and her horse took off and then she landed in barbwire. We didn't know there was barbwire back there but she went into it. Just for the safety of the riders and stuff like that, we're asking if we can some help with that.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. Write down and make your request and bring it to us.

Sheldon King: Oh, please District Reps, we have our meetings every second Wednesday of the month. If you can show up, please make some time for our district. Thank you.

DISCUSSION: ITEM #6 – MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2023.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: ITEMS #6 – RJS & ASSOCIATES

Jim Swan: Good morning Madam President, members of the Council. I'm glad to be here. I've met quit a few of you. There are some of you who I have not met. For those who don't know who I am, my name is Jim Swan. I'm the President and CEO of RJS and Associates. We're professional services home based in Rocky Boy. The short story is that in the before times, pre-covid, your former council reached out to me and saw the work that we were doing. We've been around since the 70's but we incorporated in 1996. So, we've been an incorporated business for about 27 years. I've been back at Rocky Boy for 25 years this August. Former Councilman Spottedelk had seen what we were doing in Indian Country. Over the years we brought in nearly 600 million dollars into Indian Country. Most of which is in the State of Montana. Northern

Cheyenne was one of the places we had not done very much work. The Councilman reached out to me and we had a couple of discussions and then covid happened. Last year there was a renewed effort to try to put something together for us to do work on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and that came to fruition last summer. It happened in July. The contract ran from August 1st to July 31st of this year. I've given the Tribe, I believe, 4 options on how to approach things and the council chose to go with an hourly with a cap. Well, I am here today because 9 months later, we're out of hours. We're actually over on our hours. We were capped at 800 hours and Susan will be working on the report this week. I think we are going to be about 850 at the end of April. In that time, we have gotten one proposal funded for the 988 for Tribal Board of Health. We have 8 ½ pending. What do I mean by 8 ½ pending? We got 5 under the C-Task. One of the for a planning grant for the comprehensive justice system. One for planning grant for Tribal Youth. One for COPS for NCIS. Another one for NCIS for a data management system and then one for. Can't remember if it's the Children Justice one or another having to do with victims. So, that 5 of them. We did one for the assistance to firefighter's grant. If that's successful, that will be a fire engine for the Tribal Fire Department. There's one for the ANA Regulatory Enhancement Grant. If funded, will help you stand up the office to implement the Hearth Act that was passed by the Tribal Council a couple years back. The one we submitted last week for the Office of Violence Against Women for Healing Hearts for a Victim Services Program at Healing Hearts was submitted last week. Then the half. What did I mean by half? We did one really quick a couple weeks ago called the America the Beautiful Challenge for the Buffalo program to do some improvements to roadways and drainages for the buffalo pasture. The reason I only call it a half a grant was that it was a pre-proposal and if we are selected to move on to the next stage then we'll write the full proposal. So, we got those 8 ½ pending and one that is funded. We're anxious to get to work on the next one for Healing Hearts, which is the OVC Tribal Victims Services set aside from Department of Justice. As a matter of fact, I think they have a meeting slated for tomorrow but I don't know how to move forward because we're out of time, basically. I wanted to come to the council to see what your wishes are for moving forward for what to do given that we've hit our limit at this point. It's up to you on how to proceed from here. Assuming that we move forward, I've got one other ask for you. At this point I will just defer to you folks on the council on how you want to proceed.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. How many hours do you think it would take us to September 30th? 400?

Jim Swan: Until September 30th. Let's see, that's May, June, July, August, September. That's 5 months. That would be an average of about 80 a month, which is, under normal circumstances, a pretty good estimate. I think 400 hours, if you increase it from 800 to 1200, going 400 hours, considering that we are already 50 hours in so that is actually adding another 350, I think that that would be pretty safe.

Councilwoman Charette: 450.

Councilwoman Gourneau: That would cover what he has already expensed?

Councilwoman Charette: Yes, so that would leave us with 400 if we do 450.

Jim Swan: Adding 450 and going to 1250?

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Jim Swan: Oh, that'll most certainly, it depends. Actually, I take that back. That will likely be very safe. It depends upon what the priorities are and the opportunities to meet those priorities that come up. We've started working with Courts, Healing Hearts, NCIS, Fire Fighters, Tribal Board of Health, Buffalo Program. So once we start working with more programs and more departments, those opportunities may. There may be something that you need that I have no idea about right now that all of sudden, hey here's an opportunity that probably going to take 100 hours. I think it would be pretty safe but I wouldn't guarantee it.

Councilwoman Gourneau: To get you through to September 30th, so 450 will be fine.

Jim Swan: I think it will be safe.

Councilwoman Charette: The big one that took a lot of hours was Healing Hearts.

Jim Swan: And C-Task. Healing Hearts and C-Task took a lot of hours but an average proposal.

Councilwoman Charette: The one you did for the buffalo was just like that

Jim Swan: That one, was able to squeeze that one in. Well, that one you also had, was it Sheldon? No, your buffalo manager, Brandon. He had his stuff together and he was ready to roll and he made it possible to do in 2 days. If he didn't have his stuff together, I would have been cussing him left and right but he was really helpful so I'm hoping that one moves on.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, like the cycles for deadlines. Does it just vary? What are the most, I guess, busiest months?

Jim Swan: When I started doing this 25+ years ago, we had what we called grant season. Which was, maybe late October through about February and then things really slowed down. In that last 25 years, it keeps expanding both ways where certain programs, like the Department of Justice, I can tell you, Department of Justice, most of their money is already out on the streets and have due dates. ANA is already passed for the year. SAMSHA is either already done or rolling out. So, depends upon departments for funding cycles but then there's. Here's an example. I'm not sure what funding cycle Northern Cheyenne is on. There's a program called Tribal Opiate Response out of SAMSHA. It is, SAMSHA, like I said, most of their money is already gone for the year but TORE, you never know when it's. It's not out yet unless it came out today. But you never know when it's going to be due. It might have been in the winter, which it wasn't this year. Probably going to be in summer for that particular opportunity and I'm not sure if you are up on it this year. The really heavy lifting of most of the departments that we deal with we just got by through April. There are still funding cycles that keep coming through the summer. I know that's not a very good answer but it's an honest one.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. If we all agree, I make a motion to increase RJS & Associates for another 450 hours and we will make some changes in the permanent fund to cover that. If everybody is agreeable.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I'll second

Councilwoman Fisher: So, it won't be out of the ARPA funds anymore?

Councilwoman Charette: We can look at the ARPA funds too. We'll look at it. It'll be out of the permanent or the ARPA.

Councilwoman Fisher: Because the resolution that you gave us was out of the ARPA.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. Thank you for reading that.

President Wetherelt: Increasing the hours to 450 or adding 450?

Councilwoman Charette: Add 450. So, that will cover what is already sitting out there and add us another 400. Hopefully that will take us through September 30th.

Jim Swan: It would add some things that we don't know about right now.

Councilwoman Charette: So, ARPA funds.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Or Permanent Fund.

Councilwoman Charette: Or Permanent Fund or half but we'll look. We'll redo the, make a mod to the contract

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Jim Swan: Thank you. So, I have a question and an ask. The question is, I just work with the President's office to get that executed. The amendment.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Jim Swan: I'll send you over something this week. Ok. Now my ask. Something that would make things more efficient for you and for us is if we could get a person delegated to us. I have someone that is appointed as a liaison to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. If I could get someone from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe that could be a liaison to us. What I'm asking for is a.

Councilwoman Gourneau: I have a suggestion. The President is getting ready to hire a EDA Coordinator. She can also make that individual the liaison for all the programs.

Jim Swan: That works for me. I've got a question. Is that person going to have 2 characteristics? That's all I want. Either authority to themselves or get to authority to get things done. Like in a quick manner so that they say hey we need to get a meeting together with somebody or we need to get something done. They can do that really quickly?

President Wetherelt: Yes.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I nominate Edina until we get that person hired.

Councilwoman Gourneau: That person's supervisor is going to be the President.

Jim Swan: That's perfect.

Councilwoman Lonebear: How soon will you be hiring?

President Wetherelt: Today is his first day.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Oh ok.

President Wetherelt: He is on your guys' side.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Who is it?

President Wetherelt: RD Bailey.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Ok.

Jim Swan: Second question? Do you anticipate that he will be so busy that he won't be able to get right back to us or can you make it a priority?

President Wetherelt: Yeah, we can make it a priority and I'll have you call you and give you all his information.

Jim Swan: Is he in the building?

President Wetherelt: Yes, he is.

Jim Swan: Before I leave, can I meet him really quick?

President Wetherelt: Yeah, I can take you to meet him.

Jim Swan: Ok. That was pretty much what I had for you. Do you have any questions for me in terms of the work we've been doing; the work that we plan to do; what your priorities are that you want to make sure that I know about?

Councilwoman Gourneau: I will be calling you because we're getting to the stage where we're going to do the or begin the actual bidding for the justice center. We want to apply to the Rural Development for water and sewer infrastructure.

Jim Swan: Ok. Rural Development normally has a match to it. Does this particular funding source have it?

Councilwoman Gourneau: There's a new program. Let me see. New Market Techs. They may be able to cover 20 to 30 percent of the projects cost. We are going to need some help with that.

Jim Swan: ok.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Thank you for coming down.

Jim Swan: You're very welcome.

Councilwoman Charette: Brandon is kind of a real resourceful person so I imagine he will be coming back with whatever else he finds.

Jim Swan: Ok, sounds great.

Councilwoman Charette: That's what I told him. Make sure you know if there's a match or not. He keeps, pretty much, is ducks in a row.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Well, this council has set aside some funding to pay for those match costs so we have a specific line item to match.

Jim Swan: How much you got sitting in it? I've been telling councils for years, set aside some money a line item, in a lock box. Whatever you want to call it that is specific for match. If you don't need it for like, if a grant doesn't get funded then you don't touch it. Otherwise, it just sits there and it's just being pledged. That's something I've been advising Tribe's for years to do and I'm glad to hear that. I just want to thank you all. I know we have done some direct work with some of your members of council which I never see that. It's like, here go work with so and

so, I'm to busy. I know we were pushing Nizhoni and Silver on the C-Task and Norma and Debra on some grants. I appreciate the interaction I've had with Council and I look forward to that in the future as well.

Councilwoman Charette: We appreciate everything you have done for us. It's opened up some doors and we appreciate if we call at the last minute too. We will try not to do as much anymore. That was something that he had and like I said, he is really resourceful and it's his priority.

Jim Swan: Well, hopefully now we can move onto the next stage.

President Wetherelt: We have one more item than I can take you out to meet RD.

DISCUSSION: ITEM #8 – NORTHERN CHEYENNE BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Charette: I have a resolution for the broadband committee and we did have a committee set aside before. We do need a committee because of what's going on and where we're at in our broadband and starting to get our project started. So, we do need a committee that is going to be making this a priority in their work. I know it does take a lot of time to meet with these guys but it's something that we push for and we got the 54 million dollars and like we said, it's sitting there now and it's going to be drawn down and we can start this. Like I said, we do have timelines so this resolution will be to establish a committee and get a chairman in there and a contact that that person can be available to be contacted by NTIA, by CT&T, or Jeff, by Brian, by everybody.

Councilwoman Gourneau: By BIA too.

Councilwoman Charette: So, it's going to be a big responsibility.

Councilwoman Lonebear: So, we have Norma and Donavin that went to the training. I nominate those 2.

President Wetherelt: I just want to reiterate that the committee is really going to have to be focused on this committee. There's a lot of things you are going to have to push, make sure you have your quorum. There's a lot of work to be done.

Councilwoman Charette: Do you want to put Kyle on there? He's kind of carrying the weight on his shoulders too.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Has he?

Councilman Davie: What about Brandon?'

Councilwoman Lonebear: What were you thinking? 5 council and then some

Councilwoman Charette: Or even if it's all Council.

President Wetherelt: So, Norma and Donavin.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Don't we have Ray and Kyle doing stuff?

Councilwoman Charette: Kyle's been our contact. Ray's been

Councilwoman Gourneau: But they're staff.

Councilwoman Charette: But they're staff though.

Councilwoman Gourneau: They need help.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Ok, so this is just for Council reps then.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah. Anybody else. Don't LL come running at me at once.

Councilwoman Little Eagle: I'll help.

Councilwoman Fisher: I'll help.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok, and I'll help. Ok. So Silver, Melissa and myself, if that's ok. Nizhoni?

Councilwoman Gourneau: And Torrey.

Councilwoman Charette: Torrey. Ok. Well, we have Silver, Melissa, Norma, Donavin, Torrey. That's five. Ok, I'll put myself and that makes 6.

Councilwoman Fisher: Just make six.

Councilwoman Charette: Six

Councilwoman Gourneau: Nizhoni, do you want to be on the board?

Councilwoman Friesz: I haven't thought much about it.

Councilwoman Charette: It's good learn just to be on there.

Councilwoman Friesz: Yeah, I'll be on there.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok.

Councilwoman Lonebear: That's a good balance that you have.

Councilwoman Charette: Because that way we can always make quorum.

Councilwoman Friesz: Oh yeah.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok. I'll read this.

President Wetherelt: So, 7?

Councilwoman Charette: They'll be 7.

Councilwoman Charette: I make a motion for a resolution establishing the Northern Cheyenne Broadband Committee.

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been awarded a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce (NTIA) through its Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program;

WHEREAS, the grant provides funding for broadband infrastructure deployment throughout the Reservation and creation of a Tribal broadband entity to provide broadband service;

WHEREAS, next steps to carry out the grant may include establishing a Tribally-owned legal entity to implement and manage broadband on the Reservation, and contracting with third parties to assist with grant management, to obtain permits and construct the broadband infrastructure, and to establish Tribally-provided broadband service on the Reservation;

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the grant and related services, the Tribal council wishes to establish a Tribal Broadband Committee; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective immediately the Northern Cheyenne Tribe Broadband Committee is established with each of the following members serving until replaced:

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| 1. Melissa Fisher | 2. Silver Little Eagle |
| 3. Norma Gourneau | 4. Donavin Limberhand |
| 5. Debbie Charette | 6. Torrey Davie |
| 7. Nizhoni Friesz | |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Committee is charged with advising and making recommendations to the Tribal Administration and Council on broadband matters;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the committee shall keep the Tribal Administration and Council fully informed of the progress and results of its work and activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Committee decisions shall be made by majority vote of the Committee, with a quorum present, and the presence of at least three committee members shall constitute a quorum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that from the committee members the Committee shall designate a Chair and Vice Chair and establish such rules it deems necessary to carry out its business; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Wireless Telecommunications and Broadband Committee created by Resolution No. DOI- (2021) is hereby disestablished.

That’s my motion.

Councilwoman Fisher: I’ll second it.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE BROADBAND COMMITTEE.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Gwen Talawyma	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:06 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 15th day of May 2023.

Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe