

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

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**MINUTES**  
June 27, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Hubert Blackwolf

**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 <i>*via Zoom</i></b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Torrey Davie</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Serena Wetherelt, President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Nizhoni Friesz <i>*via Zoom</i></b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>		

Quorum Established

**ITEM #1 ON THE AGENDA – CT&T ENGINEERING CONTRACT**

**DISCUSSION:**

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:**

A resolution approving the CT&T Engineering Contract.

**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 NTIA Broadband Grant application was prepared by the Tribe, with the substantial support of the Tribe’s consultant, CT&T Engineering;

**WHEREAS**, CT&T Engineering has provided services after the NTIA Broadband Grant was awarded, which the Tribe has found to be very beneficial;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe and CT&T Engineering want to continue the relationship so that CT&T can assist with implementing the NTIA Broadband grant;

**WHEREAS**, CT&T Engineering has presented a contract to the Tribe which is a RUS Form Contract 217;

**WHEREAS**, modifications to the contract proposed by the Tribal Attorney (including without limitation the addition of a provision requiring compliance with TERO) were accepted by CT&T Engineering; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Tribal Council hereby deviates from the regular procurement policies to authorize contracting with CT&T Engineering because it determines that it is in the best interest of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe to do so and time is of the essence;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council hereby accepts the CT&T contract proposal; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council authorizes and instructs the Tribal President to sign the CT&T contract on behalf of the Tribe and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

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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**ITEM # 2 ON THE AGENDA – CORPORATE CHARTER – NORTHERN CHEYENNE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**

**DISCUSSION:**

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:**

A resolution issuing corporate charter of the Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation.

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has developed the attached Corporate Charter for the “Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation” for the purposes stated therein which includes administration of the NTIA Broadband Grant, including planning and constructing broadband infrastructure on the Reservation, and operating a broadband entity that provides broadband services to the Reservation; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Tribal Council hereby issues the attached Corporate Charter for the “Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation;” and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the corporate entity the Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation created by this Resolution and the attached Corporate Charter shall be separate and distinct from, and shall in no way modify or affect past corporate charters issued by the Tribal Council or the Secretary of the Interior for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

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 vote(s) Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

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>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:27 A.M.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstention on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
 Edina Redstar, Secretary  
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe