

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

September 19, 2023

*\*Rescheduled from September 18, 2023*

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Norma Gourneau

**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>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>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Nizhoni Friesz</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** We will have Busby School Board meeting after this at 11 and also, don't forget we have AFA negotiations in Billings on Thursday.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** I think everyone got invitations but Dull Knife is having a, it sounds like there's some items here from the Smithsonian or something. That starts at 5:30 at the college at the library.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Enrollment meeting for the enrollment committee next Tuesday at 10.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** I'd like to make a motion to add the Housing resolution to the agenda. Should I just add them all at once.? Add them all at once?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** I also have an add on for the HAF Policy amending the HAF Policies.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** What is the first one?

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** The first one is the Housing resolution to authorize Housing Authority to apply for the ICDBG grant. The second one is the HAF Policy. Amending the HAF Policy.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Is that your motion?

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** That's my motion.

**MOTION TO ADD THE RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HAF POLICY AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** I'd like to make a motion to add an item to the agenda. It's being printed right now but it's for purchasing material for the White River Solar Project.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** So, you are adding that?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** Yes.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** What is it?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** Purchasing material for the White River Solar Project.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Can we just take care of it under #11 too?

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Oh yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** It'll be taken care of under your item that is already on the agenda.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Just add it to that.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** Ok. Even though they are separate resolutions?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Because it's the same project.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Yeah.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** So, we don't need to add it on?

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** No. So, just present both of them together.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** We took care of #8 and 9.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Yeah. So, 8 and 9 have been taken care of. We will go ahead and start with item #1.

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## **ITEM #1 – ELDERLY UPDATE**

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** Pevawunat. The elderly program is doing ok. Just want to say thank you to everyone that volunteered and brought food when we had not water. It was a good effort by the volunteers. We got an assembly line and we made 150 sack lunches that day. The air conditioning is back on. It's good. The freezer seems to be working. The one problem that they are having down there is that they need a cook' helper and they need a care giver support person. They had applicants but because the EAN says no on the rehire they can't rehire them. I think the secretary at the time checked no because they weren't going to work there but HR won't let them rehire them because that box was checked. The secretary, at the time, is no longer with us and we can't ask her what her thinking was.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Hold on Mike. What box was checked?

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** It says for rehire. It says no. There's a rehire no and a rehire yes and no was checked. According to HR, they are not eligible to be ever hired by that program again. So, they can't rehire them.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** I think they can get rehired back by that program. It's just not for that position.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** But, what if it wasn't the director that made the recommendation.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** But the director signed the EAN though.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Yeah. They sign the EAN.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** It could have been a misunderstanding from the secretary's point too where she didn't understand. She probably just needed to make sure everything was checked. So, she probably just misunderstood it.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Then she doesn't understand why they can't be employed there anymore.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I don't understand why that's not at the beginning, that would be something that's after the end. After you go through the personnel evaluation performance if they can be hired again.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** That's why performance evaluations are in place as well. The director could go back. I mean, the director could meet with HR and go over that part of their evaluation and then say these guys were good employees, I would like them back.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** The question is, was it done at the beginning of their employment?

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** No. It was when they were an employee there but then they left. They chose to go to a different job or something. That's when, it was after they were, I don't know if they were let go or if they resigned but then that box got checked.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** They can do it after October 1<sup>st</sup>. I mean, if they want to get somebody, like an emergency hire or a temporary hire.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** It would say something in the personnel about not being able to be hired again

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Because we can't do it now.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Due to disciplinary action taken or some kind of documentation.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Yeah. There has to be reason and there is no reason on the EAN?

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** No.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** And there was no bad performance?

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** No.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Probably a miscommunication.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** They can take care of it when we start hiring again. We are not hiring anyone, for now.

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** Ok. Sounds good. What else did we have? We need some elderly activities. We couldn't really do anything last year because of the budget and now we can't really do anything because we are closed but it would be good if we could get some elderly activities going again. Hopefully on October 1 we will have a budget that works. Other than that, they seem to be doing good down there. My question to you guys is, do you know how many elders you have in each district? Do you know if they need anything? Because the ones that I talked to, they need stuff. Going to the store, they need help just being around good things for our elders. I really appreciate what the Boys & Girls club was doing with doing the Gourd Dance initiation with having social dances. With things like that. Our hand game committee, we need a hall. We have elders on there that like to play but there is no place to play. I'm ready to like, ok, come on hand game committee, let's just build it ourselves. Let's get together and build it ourselves but you know. That's what we need, good activities that will allow everyone to get together. With winter coming, it's going to be harder to get people together.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** I have a question. What is your elder lunch delivery schedule.

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** We do not have an elderly delivery schedule because you have to bring a Dr's statement stating that you need your home meals delivered and that you can't come down and eat at the complex. They usually leave around, I think it's like 10:30 and they start making their route. They go from Lame Deer to Busby and back. I don't think they are delivering to Birney anymore. I think it's only Lame Deer to Busby but because of the staff it's hard to actually do the deliveries.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** So, you said that it closed now.

**MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT:** No. It's open. Any other questions. I think that is all I have.

## **ITEM #2 – DISTRICT UPDATES**

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** Good morning guys. I am here to do a district update for Muddy district. First of all, I would like to thank Colton Small for all his hard work that he does for our districts, our people and our Tribe. We got our new shade built. It just got finished, I think, on Friday. As the district chair, I picked the shade that I felt that was needed for our district. Just in the past few years of seeing all the other shades that have been built. Just in days, they were trying to start them on fire or they were hitting them with vehicles or whatever. So, I picked a structure that was completely metal. It's got metal poles, metal roof, everything. There's absolutely no wood on it. So, it should last forever and hopefully be somewhat indestructible was my goal. So, that's why it's not as big as you can see as Lane Deer or, I'm not sure what Birney did but that's my reasoning for the shade that I picked and why I picked it. That's a part of the Tourism grant that Colton got. We still have little bit of money left in there so we are going to do lights and electrical to the shade itself. We are trying to figure out how money we have and then I believe.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** It's cement on the bottom too.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** Oh yeah, cement was poured on Friday. That was another thing. We got cement poured. To satisfy the Tourism grant, there needs to be a shade for the community for tourism for elderly, like that. What we hope to do is get some money. Colton said, I believe it's still him, he's going to put in for the EDA for tourism again and then we want to try to get an arbor. We want to do the same thing for our arbor as the metal poles and wire mesh. That way it's something that's going to last forever. Every year, whether you want it to be cotton wood or OSB board or whatever it be, the tops will be yearly replaced by whatever. It's not something that we've had before. It's something that we had there but was not usable. Now that we got the shade done, everybody wants to know where our arbor went when it wasn't usable in the first place. Because of where the arbor location was, because of the electricity pole, I mean the shade, the arbor, it was kind of somewhat put in the middle of the arbor but the arbor was unfunctional anyway. We have a huge area. We had them remove all the old posts; they piled it. I told community members 3 months ago, if you want that wood, go get it out. Like, it's good fire wood. Nobody did it. It's in a big pile. It's there for whoever wants it. If it's not going to be gone within a short time frame we are going to have Randy burn it or something

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Yeah. There's some that are going to go get it now.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** I've told Stanley, he was the first one that asked. So, I gave him first whatever. But it's free for all right now for whoever wants to get it. So, we are going to do that for the plans for the arbor. Colton got the RFP done because of the fiscal year stuff, it's just now in Renessa's office. It'll be advertised tomorrow. The RFP will be out tomorrow until October 6<sup>th</sup> and then we will, or whoever picks the people to do the contracting for our hall. I'm waiting for the RFP tomorrow then I will post it on our page and where ever else that will not be, we will be under construction so our hall will be unavailable for rent or anything until it is done. We will have a lot of prep work to do. A lot of cleaning. Lots of volunteering from select maybe 2 people and a lot of cleaning. Now that it's starting to get cold and people are wanting activities inside, they're continually asking to use the hall. I've told them that it has been a process in

keeping it clean and getting it good so that we can have it nice and clean so whoever gets to be our contractor, they're walking in and they get to start doing contracting work. They're not cleaning up mice poop or whatever it be in there. So, we have to have it good to go because we want it done. The main part of the RFP that had a timeline was our roof because our roof leaks. In the RFP, it states that will be the first thing that needs to be done for our hall. From there we will go, I'm sure it'll be awesome winter project for whoever is going to do it. I just want to put that out there. It will be posted tomorrow when I get the RFP but our hall will unavailable. I would like to, I guess, thank Roads department. They fixed our road into Muddy hall. I don't know if anybody has gone there maybe with the food bank and stuff because they do have the food bank there. We had some huge holes in there and they went and they fixed it, like really nice. It's good for everybody to access it.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** They'll be out there doing that roadway into the pow wow grounds out there also. We just met with them this morning.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** What's that? Oh, you mean to access our pow wow grounds? Ok. I guess is there any other questions.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ:** The food pantry said that they're having their winter clothing drive on Wednesday. Is that at the hall?

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** Yeah, it's at the hall. They said they'll just disburse it right away. She said she would post something. I said ok, I'll share it. I just told them it was going to have to be clean out, you know, back to whatever. They can utilize it for whatever they need as long as. And they do, they help. I have Jeremy there. He's in a wheel chair but I slave him. I give him a lot to do. He helps a lot with the food bank. He helps sort food. Like do all that. He has a wagon. He has a wheel chair. He gets it out the door. Like he really does his part to make things happen there too. He's also our security guy or whatever, but he kind of keeps them in line. Any other questions?

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I think we're good. Thank you.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** I guess the only other one that I am getting is and I know everybody talks but I do drive that road multiple times a day. We did get it chip sealed but what is like maybe the 5-year plan for Muddy Creek road.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** We have to have money to go in and do that and that's what we were talking about. It will have to go onto the tip that the council will have to put their input and then we'd have to vote on it.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** I know that there is a petition going and it's all for the hall, I mean, our road just because, I mean. I have 3 vehicles, no headlights. You go down the road and it's like off and on, off and on. Like little things. The elderly people up the creek are like, have you ever rode in an ambulance down Muddy Creek? It's more painful. It's so painful, like this and that. I guess that was another thing that was addressed quite a bit.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** It was under the pavement preservation project and with the gap mastic in doing the chip seal, they were hoping to preserve it but it's, like it's not doing

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** I mean, the guys working on it, they did a good job. It's just the fact that what they did that didn't work. I guess, like in correlation of it and the natural resources part of it. I remember, it was like 3 years ago, they redid out bridge. It was awesome. You use to be able to hit that and then like your car would almost fall apart. I think Dallas Sioux hit it and his tire fell off and they wrecked on the other side of it. It was so bad and then they got it fixed. Then because of the management of, actually, the lack of management of the beavers on the reservation or on Muddy Creek, especially. Because there is a huge beaver dam in bunch of areas, it's backing it up and that bridge is like sinking, settling. It's messing up our bridge again and we just got it fixed. Like, just got it fixed. The beavers in there, I was talking to EPD and, of course, Jason Whiteman. There're 5 springs that feed into that. The Muddy bridge right there. There're 5 springs that feed into that. There's tribal preservation because of the old school that is there. There are all these things that are getting overlooked but anyways, they said that there was, use to be the coldest water on the reservation, right there. Now it is the hottest. So, that is not good for the ecosystem of all of it all together. You know what I mean. So, anyway, that was another thing I guess, and that's my personal or that's my complaint is the beavers. The beavers in Muddy Creek. We haven't had the creek behind my house run dry in like, as long as I've lived there, 12-13 years and it was dry even before we had all this rain and it never ran again. So, if you look on this side of that bridge and you look where Harris' are and Patty Means, that whole thing now is a swamp, full of cattails. So, cattails, they take all the oxygen from the water. Then they make it really mossy. Then we can't have any wild life or anything in there. It becomes stagnant. That is how we are ruining bodies of water, like Crazy Heads, like those 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ponds. If you guys look at that, the same correlation with Muddy. It's ruining our whole Muddy Creek, basically. I've tried to extend my. I guess I've exhausted my, what I have been trying to do. So, I don't know if on your guys' level, if you guys can address that either with the road's situation or with your Natural Resource board or whatever you guys got. I guess that's it.

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### **ITEM #3 – BUDGETS**

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** For budgets, we have two. The first one will be. This is for the grazing. I present a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the first submission of the fiscal year 2023 from the Office of Special Trust Account PL7324-70-7 for the grazing operations.

**WHEREAS,** The Northern Cheyenne Council desires to make certain expenditures from those funds, and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Tribal Council with recommendation by the Administration or Competent Board has considered such OST Draw request; now,

**WHEREAS,**

The FY2023 Grazing Operation Total is estimated as \$383,809.17

The Cash applied towards Grazing operations FY2023 Expense is \$383,809.17

**WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council has reviewed and discussed the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Expenditure Budget and all the necessary revenues to fund the FY2023 Budget have been identified; now



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Office of Special Trust to transfer \$230,357.99 from the Northern Cheyenne Land Acquisition PL7324-70-7 to assist in supplementing the Grazing Operating for FY23:

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** I have some questions.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Ok. Go ahead.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** In FY'22, this resolution is talking about FY'23. So, in FY'22 the Range income that went into that account was \$515,203.30. They actually were disbursed \$466,330.22 from the land acquisition account. Now, in the Grazing Ordinance, it says that they are entitled to 20% of their income that's generated from the Range income, the Range fees from the permits. They should have \$103,040.60, that's 20%. There's no report yet from what was generated in 2023, that is the period we are in right now. Kyla Two Bulls gets all of the Public Law income revenue and I haven't seen what she's generated. I did talk to the OST people and they can have it for us in a few days. They don't have it yet because it was never requested. So, they're overdrawing what they are entitled to. The Ordinance says they are entitled to draw out 20% for their Range operations. So, they overdrew in 2022 and now in 2023. 20% is, if it's going to be about that same amount, they still would be overdrawing. This one says FY'23, we're already towards the end of 2023. I don't understand why we're

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** None of the draws ever went through.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Yeah, they did in 22.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** In 22?

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** But not for this last year?

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** But not for last year. There was nothing for last year.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** So, they would be for 24 then? For this FY, would it be 24?

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** There had been no draw this year. Nobody did a budget. Nobody did anything.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Kristi said no, they didn't overdraw.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Yeah, she's coming.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Even in 22 they overdrew.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Because that was one thing when we read it. That's why I said they can only take from the Grazing and we verified that.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** The revenue the Grazing generates and they overdrew.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Is that according to Lynette?

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** What's that?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Where you got that information.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Yeah. These are the figures she gave me.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** She gets. Lynette, over the years, has given wrong information, several times.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** That's why I'm saying

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Then she changes the rules, like as far as draws go. Sometimes she says

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** That's why I'm saying, we get those reports and we should be able to determine what that Grazing revenue is ourselves.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Ok. Yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** My other question is, there's no report yet for how much Grazing generated for FY'23, this year. I haven't seen it. That's an accounting thing. They are supposed to let us know what was generated. My other question is, there is no budget attached to this. I haven't seen one. Has one been submitted to the budget and finance committee?

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** From the Grazing Board? Yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Ok. So, we're using

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** It was only submitted for, was it like \$123,000.00 after they figured out the corrected amount.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** For \$230,000.00.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** That was for \$120 something. I'm having those girls check and see where they got this because the last budget we looked at was like \$128 thousand. It was doubled. They had to have the budget approved in order to put this in. So, we did do that.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** My last question is, is there a program? The Grazing Program? If so, who oversees this program?

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** The Grazing Program? The Grazing Board, I do.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** What is their function? I mean, what do they have, like, other than the allocations?

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Allocations, the Range Improvement Fund and probably anything that has to do with Grazing on the reservation. Because you guys do the compliance.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Yeah. But our staff is out there doing a lot of Range stuff. That is why I am asking. We have a lot to do with just our regular duties. Then, if they are going to be responsible for Range compliance then they need to be responsible.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** That went back to the BIA.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Can we table this until Kristi comes?

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** We do a lot of the Range compliance. Our staff, the Land Board and the Buffalo Program. They do a lot of the

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** I was kind of wondering when you were asking for some funds from the BIA so you could hire some more compliance officers. I thought that's why you were asking for more money. I know he has to comply with the farm and pasture leases. Not necessarily the Range but we all know that the BIA doesn't have any employees yet.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** So, how come we can't take the Range Program back and use this money for operating costs? If we're doing all the work.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** We should have never gave it back in the first place. It was moving.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** They don't have anybody hired and it's just sitting there. It's still our guys doing the work. Why don't we just take the Range Program back?

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** That's what I'm trying to

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Unless we take the compliance part of it back.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Yeah.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** The compliance part of it we can take back. Norma was asking if we could get additional funds. The Bureau didn't have any but we'd be able to get the money if we 638 that part then we would be able to get that money for compliance.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** I honestly think, like, because it's been said time and time again, this is our only revenue. We do need to create other revenue but right now, I didn't agree with it given back, giving the program back to the BIA. I think it does belong here. There wouldn't be questions like this. I'd like to just table this until Kristi gets here.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** They're on their way if we want to move on and then come back to it.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Yeah, come back to it.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** I'm ok with that.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** We will go ahead and move this item down. We'll take care of the next item #4.

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#### **ITEM #4 – AMENDING OFFICIAL SIGNATORIES**

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** This is for signatories on the Tribal checking account. I present a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing official signatories for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal checking accounts.

**WHEREAS,** the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has under Article IV, Section 1 (r) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws, the power to adopt resolutions and ordinances regulating the procedures of the Council, other tribal agencies and tribal officials of the reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council seeks to improve the efficiency of the payment process by organizing and increasing signatory authority within the Tribal Government; now

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

- Serena Wetherelt, NC President
- Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., NC Vice President
- Edina Redstar, NC Secretary
- Kristi Killsnight, NC Treasurer
- Kyla TwoBulls, Director of Finance
- Kayla Russell, General Fund Accountant

I guess taking off one that was on there that was an accountant. Do we have anybody else that could be added on there. Because I know we have, if we add Kayla, that will be good. Would that be enough for our Tribe. Would it suffice, as far as signatures that are here.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** I would like to, you know, if Kristi was here, ask her because we try to have somebody here. It seems like Finance is the one that doesn't, you know, that there's nobody here for signature. That's the only

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** That's why we are adding Kayla. Kayla is always present.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Ok. My name needs to be, the w needs to be taken out of it.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** What's that?

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** The w, welt, it's relt. Just need to correct that.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ:** On Ernest's name, if you could add Sr. at the end.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** So, should we just wait until Kristi gets here for that one?

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Yeah and discussion on that one.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I know we've been kind of going back and forth on signatories.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** So, the grazing stuff, that's what we are talking about moving down, right?

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** And the signatories.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** And signatories. So, we will move on to #6, minutes.

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**ITEM # 6 - MINUTES**

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** I'd like to make the motion to approve August 21, 2023 minutes.

**KRISTI KILLSNIGHT ENTERS THE CHAMBERS**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Nizhoni Friesz.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 vote(s) Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**COUNCILMAN DAVIE:** I just wanted to bring something up since we are talking about minutes. I have been getting messages left and right about minutes not be posted to the web page, Tribal page. My understanding is that that is the IT's responsibility. It seems to be a really big thing with the, especially with the elders and people that can't make it to the meetings. If we could get something done about that and get them posted to the site, that would be great. That's all I have to say about that.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** If you have further comments, you should have them talk to the Vice-President because he oversees them.

**COUNCILMAN DAVIE:** Ok.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Ok. We will go back to the signatories.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Kristi, is this your recommendation for signatories?

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** For signatories?

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Did you want to add or subtract anybody or is everybody ok with that? You ok with that? Ok, I made the motion.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** I second.

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

Motion made by Nizhoni Friesz. Second by Debra Charette.

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

<b>8 vote(s) Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** I make a motion to table the Range one. She’s gotta make a correction on there.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** I’ll second that one.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Table which one Debbie?

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** The grazing one.

**MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #5 ON THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 vote(s) Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ITEM #7 – PRO TEM JUDGE APPOINTMENT**

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Item #7, Pro Tem Judges

**SECRETARY REDSTAR:** This is all received from him. We never received a resolution from him.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** I think they. I know there’s a separation of power but there’s stuff going on at the court that we are not even informed about. Like with changes they’ve made. One of the things with this Judge appointment was, I got a message. The previous, I think, was done when I was still Tribal Secretary. So, whoever is the Clerk of Court and

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** It’s their duty.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Serena and Edina both know this but it’s their duty to make sure that everything’s current with the Constitutional Court and with the Pro Tem Judges and it hasn’t been done for 4 years.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** I think I was the last one that did it when I was down there.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** I think they need to be reminded that they need to know their jobs

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Just for anything that is coming up because what we hear is there's a case out there and they needed a Pro Tem Judge and when they went to the list, they hadn't contacted them or they were not aware anymore that they were actually still a Pro Tem Judge.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** I think the only one that's been active is Mike Eakin.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** Mike Eakin was representing one of the people so they had to go to the next one.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Yeah. There was a conflict there and they didn't have no one else.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** But, there's a process. They're supposed to do background checks.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** They need to do their due diligence before they bring the resolution.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** Yeah. Before it comes on the floor, maybe they should have all of that.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** I'd like to motion to table this until we do, they do follow the proper steps and we have a resolution.

**MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #7 ON THE AGENDA.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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



<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** We took care of item #8 and #9 yesterday. So, we will go ahead with item #8, because I renumbered them.

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**ITEM #8 – LOCAL BRAND INSPECTORS**

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** This was a recommendation from the Grazing Board. There was one name that is a non-tribal member. We would like to change that name to Dane Dahle. There's 4. This is just a resolution supporting individuals to serve as branding inspectors. The names are Tom Lafranier, OT Thompson, Dave Fox and Dane Dahle. That is my motion.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** I have a question. How did you guys come up with the names? Was anything posted?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Grazing Board gave us the recommendations.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** But, why does Grazing Board get to pick who our brand inspectors are?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** It was their recommendation. This is the first time it's ever being done. There's no process for it. So, this is just their recommendation.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** There is a process, actually, for the state part of it.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Yeah, but this will support them.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** But, why not put out a notice asking whoever else is interested and willing to do it?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** This was the Grazing Boards job.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** Because I have asked Donavin.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** I would like for it to be advertised.

**COUNCILMAN LIMBERHAND:** I would like it to be advertised. There are a lot of people that want to put in for that.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** So, because of the previous

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** So, how do we narrow it down? That's the thing. There's no process set up for this.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** So, what you do is. Because I've been asking already. I've actually been asking Matt Noyes for a while now. Because in 2018 when range wars were going on and our current Grazing Board that was then and the Land Authority; land, range, resources, whatever that was then, is when we were out in the hills that day and all those people. Everything that happen that day, I'm just going to tell you straight up. I'm just going to be honest in where I get my stuff from and this is where my questions are coming from because of the history that I have in working with the Grazing Board and everything else that has happened. In 2018, that was when there was Shawn and Peggy's deal out there in their range unit. The Land Authority was trying to say that she had too many animals in there for her AUM's that she paid for. It was almost a harassment thing. It actually was harassment. That's how it was. Everybody went out. All the ranchers. Everybody supported them. We had Matt Noyes there, we had police there, we had Gene there, we had Vernon there as a councilman, we had Robert, not Robert, we had Tommy, and then a bunch of ranchers. Everybody was there. It was the end of calving season. Early May. Cold. Snowy. Like, the worst time that you could ever gather cows. It's like you calving out or having a baby, sorry, and the next day, we're chasing you around and then your baby is over there. It was crazy. It was horrible. So anyway, this is going down and they counted these cows. They just wanted to run down the fence and Shawn and Peggy said no. They set up panels. They set up a shoot. When we were going through, there were still discrepancies between the employees that worked here, Dane Dahle, and Matt Noyes. Those 2 had the same numbers. Every time they had the same number. It was so bad that if you understand how the cattle work just like animals when it gets cold or warm, they're starting to shed. So, the cows are shedding but some of the brands you could clearly see what they were but because of the animosity and jealousy that was going on here, they literally ended up shaving every single cow just to show that that brand was there. The discrepancy of the individuals that you are listing to be the brand inspectors were already breaking and bending the rules to fit for themselves and their program and what they do. I don't know how to say it more professionally. So then, because they didn't get their way and because we had the State Brand Inspector here who was a neutral party just providing his numbers. That's all that they're here for. His number wasn't the number that they had so everything was gold and good and gravy. They came back and they had a Grazing Board meeting and that's when they said that the Land Authority staff could carry pistols or rifles or firearms or whatever it be. Then they came and had a council meeting. That's when they kicked off Matt Noyes, the brand investigator, from our reservation. So, Matt Noyes is the brand investigator who is over the brand inspectors on our reservation. So, to keep the brand inspectors accountable, he needs to be able to come here and look at their books. Because we have that resolution that is still here, he cannot be here. So, if he cannot be here, we are not going to have brand inspectors here where he's going to be able to look at their books. To become a brand inspector, like I said before this was even here and before everything had gone on out there, I want to be a brand inspector. I don't want to do it as far as like Rowdy, where he makes a living out of it, but like you sent your heifers to town and you got that wild lady in and it's 11 o'clock at night and you needed a brand inspection so you could take her to Billings and get rid of her by the sale at 8 in the morning. That's the stuff I want to do. To be able to provide a resource for people that isn't there, never has been there. I want to close that gap. You want to butcher something, that's another part of that that I want to be a brand inspector because Warrior Meats, local foods and all that kind of stuff, those guys up Kirby, and everywhere else, they are out until 9 at night because, even though we got a guy up Kirby, that's right there; we got a guy in Ashland that's right there, they refuse to come here on our

reservation so it holds us back. That's my thing on why I want to become a brand inspector. I told a few, several, whatever that that's my interest. I called Helena. Matt Noyes' supervisor, his name is Shawn, and I asked Shawn how this works. Matt had already told me how it works but because of whatever is going on I wanted to go higher up and find out my answer. What you do is, once a resolution is picked or lifted or whatever you guys do to create a new MOU then we will be able to get brand inspectors. So, like me, I want to do it. Matt is not going to give me that petition until you guys fix what it is on the tribal level as far as having brand inspectors here. Once that happens, he has a petition. This petition I would take, as a person who is interested in it, and I would go take it to our producers here on our reservation and be like, hey, would you support me in being a brand inspector. They would be like, Ryhal can count; Ryhal is an honest person; Ryhal knows how to get stuff done; yup, I'll sign it for her. So, you get a certain number of signatures to be able to support that person. Then from there, Matt Noyes, makes his decision and goes above or does whatever you do. So, that's where I'm saying, everybody that wants to do it should at least have a chance and then you have your petition and you go out and do it. It shouldn't even be political. It shouldn't be the Grazing Board picking. It shouldn't be you guys picking. It's a State, neutral entity. Like neutral. Like the people that you just now named off there, Gene is an operator, he has. Not Gene. Who did you have named off? OT is a non-tribal member but he knows a lot of stuff. He's, you know, whatever but he's not a tribal member. I wouldn't say that might be a conflict. The other ones that you named; those are operators. They could be considered a conflict. I am an operator but I don't have, I don't use any Northern Cheyenne resources as far as leases or farm and pastures or anything like that so that doesn't leave me with personal gain or personal conflict or anything. Me, knowing what I need to do and reaching our already, of course the board isn't going to support me. I know that's all over the place but do you have any questions? There's a way to do it and it should stay out of politics. That's the way it works.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** I did research that and there is no resolution. There was never a resolution done but they did chase him off at that time when that incident happened but there was not resolution that was ever done.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** If you have it, it was

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** It didn't come on the floor.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** There is one somewhere because he has it. They have it. The State of Montana has it.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** I was talking to him and he has not even mentioned anything like that at all. That there's a resolution in place.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** There's nothing keeping him from coming here.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** There's a resolution. You guys should ask. Call the State. Call the State branding office. I just talked to Matt this morning and I talked to his supervisor last week.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** He can't have a resolution if we don't have one here in our records.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** There's the minute's part from the grazing board with the pistol part on there. I haven't seen the resolution with like my own eyeballs. I do not have it. But when Donna was President, you sat in here to, remember? Remember, it was me, you, Donna and Kean. Remember that day we sat right here and Matt was in here. Remember that's what we were discussing.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** It was never done. It was never done.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** The State is not letting him come here because of this resolution.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** But there was never one.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** It doesn't exist.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** They never did bring it to the floor,

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** These are the recommendations. The only other recommendation that I got in my messages was Kurt Denny but these are the ones that they brought forward so that's my motion and there's a second.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ:** I'm more along the lines of looking at advertising and looking into this more because I don't understand it so I don't feel comfortable voting on it so I'm going to say no for now.

**COUNCILMAN DAVIE:** I also believe that it should be advertised so I will be saying no as well.

**RYHAL ROWLAND:** Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk.

**RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS BRAND INSPECTORS FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>		<b>X</b>		

<b>3 votes Yes</b>	<b>5 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Defeated</b>
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**ITEM #9 – WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** I would like to make a motion approving a resolution for the participation agreement with homeowners participating in the White River Community Solar Project. Third whereas:

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe plans to build a solar energy project on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, which is funded by a Department of Energy grant;

**WHEREAS,** the project, called the “White River Community Solar Project,” includes the installation of solar energy systems at homes across the Reservation;

**WHEREAS,** the allocation of funds to install solar energy systems at the first 15 homes has been authorized by the Department of Energy;

**WHEREAS,** prior to commencement of the solar panels at the 15 homes, a Participation Agreement must be signed by the Tribe and involved homeowner to set forth the roles, rights and responsibilities of the Tribe and homeowner with respect to the solar energy system installation and operation and energy derived therefrom; and

**WHEREAS,** attached to this resolution is the Participation Agreement and a summary of the Agreement; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council approves of the attached Participation Agreement and directs the Tribal President to make any changes consistent therewith the Participation Agreement with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney, staff and consultants, sign the Participation Agreement with each homeowner participating in the White River Community Solar Project, and take any steps necessary to carry out the contract.

That’s my motion.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHREN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH HOMEOWNERS PARTICIPATING IN WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT**

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. 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>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ITEM #10 – APPROVE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR SOLAR PROJECT**

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** My second resolution is for \$200 thousand dollars’ worth of materials. Brian thought it would be a good idea to get an actual agreement in regards to the warranties for the solar panels. So, I’d like to make a motion approving the purchase of equipment and materials for 15 White River Community Solar Project homes.

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe plans to build a solar energy project on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, which is funded by a Department of Energy grant;

**WHEREAS,** the project, called the “White River Community Solar Project,” includes the installation of solar energy systems at homes across the Reservation;

**WHEREAS,** the allocation of funds to install solar energy systems at the first 15 homes has been authorized by the Department of Energy; and

**WHEREAS,** Freedom Forever has been chosen through a procurement process to assist with the installation of the solar energy systems and is offering the equipment and materials for those installations on terms that need to be finalized, including without limitation the warranty terms and conditions; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** to the extent necessary the Tribal Council hereby deviates from the regular procurement policies to authorize the purchase of the solar energy system equipment and materials from Freedom Forever 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 approves of the purchase of the solar energy system materials for the 15 homes from Freedom Forever provided that the terms and conditions, including without limitation the warranties, are acceptable to the Tribal President; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal President sign any documents or take any other actions necessary to carry out this Resolution consistent with its terms. That is my motion.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ:** How long is Freedom Forever? How long have we been talking with them?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** I forgot when we put out the RFP but they are the only ones that showed an interest.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ:** Do you know where they are based out of?

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** I think they have like a Montana satellite but it’s out of like California.

**RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR 15 WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT HOMES**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ITEM #11 – ICDBG FY’23 APPLICATION**

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council delegating to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Housing Authority the authority to prepare and submit on behalf of the Tribe an application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for fiscal year 2023 and certifying that citizen participation requirements have been met. That’s my motion.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** What are they going to do?

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** It’s just the funding that they used to rehab the homes.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** ICDBG.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** The ICDBG Grant. That’s what they use to rehabilitate the homes.

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** This is the one where they use the low income. They are supposed to be rehabbing the low incomes, right? So, they rehab those so they can get the revenue for them.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** So, we are just authorizing them to prepare the application and submit it on behalf of the Tribe.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** So, this letter says, before we go to vote, July 26th but he's just now bringing this to the table. I wonder how many others. We need to send him a reminder or whatever to follow up on his grant cycles but my vote is yes.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DELEGATING TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY THE AUTHORITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND CERTIFYING THAT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.**

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

**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>				
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	X			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ITEM #12 – AMEND HAF POLICIES AND RESCIND DOI-110 (2023)**

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** This one is rescinding 110 (2023), that one was the previous policies. We had to add language, make some changes. I do need to add #9 that an agreement will be signed by both parties for home repair. Binding agreement. So, Brian is drafting the agreement forms that'll be used by everyone. There were changes made to this. There were some speed bumps as far as the work goes. This will speed up the process and clarify, like there's immobilization and demobilization.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** There will be a checklist.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Yeah. There will be a checklist for each.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Who's the HAF Navigator?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Sandy.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Lasha's the navigator. Sandy is the director.



**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** Who's the navigator?

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Lasha Fox.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Due to not having a certified inspector available, Lasha will start tracking the process. Taking pictures; making sure that the materials that are purchased are being used for the repairs.

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:** You know, when we met in William's office on HAF, remember there was a problem with like one contractor having like 10 or so people. Did we kind of get that squared away.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** Yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** So, number 3. We added number 3 to the down payment. It's on the top of page 2.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** You have 2 number 3's under Home Repairs too.

**COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU:** There's two 3's. Which 3 are you talking about?

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Oh yeah. So, just go down the line. So, it'll be 10 altogether.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AMENDING THE HAF POLICIES AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION DOI-110 (2023).**

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>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

**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>				
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	X			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:24 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 1 abstention on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

Edina Redstar, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe