

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

SPECIAL SESSION

MINUTES

March 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President Donna Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

INVOCATION: Diane Spotted Elk

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote		X	
Phillip Beckman		X	
Serena Wetherell, Vice President		X	
Donna Fisher, President	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Henry Speelman * Teleconference	X		
Total:	9	3	

Quorum Established

Brian Chestnut joined via teleconference @ 1:28 p.m.

A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING FIRM C T & T, INC.

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, Colleagues on the Tribal Council, Mr. Chestnut—so, this is a combination of a meeting that we had with one of the Tribe’s consultants, Godfrey. And so, this engineering firm does work with the Mescalero on their telecommunication. So, to prepare for the Tribal broadband connectivity program that tribes are going to be receiving, we want to approve this contract with CT&T, Inc. to help us with some of the engineering aspects, to prepare for this funding. So, Brian, as far as the cap—were they agreeable to the amount?

Brian Chestnut: What I was told this morning, is that they do not like caps. They didn’t say “absolutely no,” but they said they do not like caps.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, and so from our discussions with them, they seemed to be very forthcoming and with their fees, and their end product. Which I really liked about that. So, it would be like on an as needed basis?

Brian Chestnut: Yeah.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay. And they estimate about, was it \$20,000?

Brian Chestnut: I don't think they gave us an estimate. I don't remember that number, but that's the number I had in my head. Maybe they said something to that effect.

Debra Charette: Yeah, I think they did.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, but everything will have to require pre-approval, right?

Brian Chestnut: Yes, we could put either in the contract or in the resolution or both, that the President needs to provide a notice to proceed.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, so if that would be acceptable. And then, there's the thought too, that when we get the award. Say if we get \$2 million, we could use 2% for admin fees to cover things like this. So...

Donna Fisher: And TERO?

Lane Spotted Elk: And TERO. They'd have to pay their TERO fees for sure.

Donna Fisher: Yeah, I'd like to see TERO somewhere in this contract.

Lane Spotted Elk: Brian, the TERO fees would need to apply.

Brian Chestnut: Yes, so, we could put that in the resolution, we could put that in the contract. Although they should just imply without even doing either.

Donna Fisher: Well, we'll have to let them know because some of the outside contractors don't know.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, let's put it in the resolution, Brian, that way it's clear.

Brian Chestnut: Okay.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, so we'll just strike the "Whereas," the highlighted one, with the cap.

Brian Chestnut: Okay, and I will fix the typo that you mentioned "providing," I said that twice. So, we'll get rid of the one "provide."

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, so with that, I will make that motion.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote				X
Phillip Beckman				X
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President				X
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

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

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote				X
Phillip Beckman				X
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President				X
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 1:38 p.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 abstentions this 8th day of March 2021.



Nizhoni Robinson, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe