

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES
March 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President Donna Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

INVOCATION: Billford Curley

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote *Absent for Meeting in AM, returned in PM*			X
Phillip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X		
Donna Fisher, President	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Henry Speelman *Absent today*			X
Total:	10		2

Quorum Established

Rylin Burns was honored by the Tribal Council for winning his 3rd State Wrestling Championship. Rylin is an enrolled Northern Cheyenne member and student at Colstrip Public Schools. He received gifts and a Northern Cheyenne flag for his accomplishments.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE UPDATE

William Ryman and Debbie Bends entered session at 10:44 a.m.

Debbie Bends: Good morning, everybody. First of all, we'll have William Ryman, our Chief Pharmacist report on the vaccine program.

William Ryman: Good morning, everyone. We'll start off with giving you an update on the numbers of the vaccinations to this point. We're approaching 1,700 prime or first doses of either

the Pfizer or the Moderna vaccination. And we have exceeded 1,100 patients that are fully vaccinated. So, we're very grateful for the opportunity to vaccinate our patients. We have also received 200 of the Johnson & Johnson vaccinations, and we've started to roll that out today during our walk-in clinic. We wanted to give a few doses in our clinic so we could see if there were any unanticipated events, before we take it into our communities. I did also hand out some graphs. We are officially in Phase 1C, but we feel we've vaccinated all of those patients who wished to have the vaccine. So, we are currently open to anyone 18 and above that lives or provide services to anyone on the Reservation. There is a small tilt in the vaccinations so far towards women as opposed to men. We've also documented about 180 patients in our vans, and we have categorized them into the Lame Deer area. We've had about 15-20 minor reactions, who were sent to urgent care for some monitoring, but it was mostly a precaution. But we haven't had anything that required a higher level of care, so we're thankful for that. We did also receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, it is highly effective at preventing patients from being hospitalized or getting severe COVID. The overall efficacy numbers that they post do show that it's a little less effective than the Moderna and Pfizer, it's a different type of vaccine. But all three vaccines are very effective in excess of 80% in preventing severe COVID and hospitalizations. So, each one has its own pros and cons, but for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, patients are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the only dose they get. Whereas with the other vaccines, it's about 45 days from the first dose. Hopefully our supplies will increase so that we can offer a choice. Right now, we can only offer one at a time. Johnson & Johnson on one day, Moderna another, etc.

Diane Spotted Elk: Are people still coming in for testing?

William Ryman: Not as much. This is kind of happening across the country. Whether it be testing or COVID fatigue in general, or some patients don't want to know if they're positive because then they'd have to quarantine. As the weather gets warmer, we can do more drive-through testing events. Also, as our case counts have gone down substantially, we're opening our clinic back to services as normal as much as we can. The curbside pickup has ended for pharmacy. And with our mailing system, we're mailing things directly, with a 1-2 day turnaround for medications to be delivered.

Debbie Bends: One thing I've noticed is that since the mask mandate has been lifted in Montana, is I see a lot of people in Billings not wearing their mask. That vaccination is so important in protecting ourselves from that. I encourage people to contact the clinic, and we can communicate how safe the vaccine is, and maybe alleviate those concerns.

William Ryman: This coming Thursday, we're doing a walk-in clinic at Muddy District. On Tuesday the 23rd, it'll be in Birney. We're going back to Busby for booster doses and additional walk-in's for patients on Thursday the 25th. We're doing a Saturday outreach clinic in Ashland on Saturday the 27th, and a follow-up to that. We anticipate we have to do some Moderna there. We're going to use any Johnson & Johnson that we have left for that clinic, and then switch over to Moderna. We'll likely have to have a follow-up clinic a month later for that. And then we also have a Saturday clinic on April 10th that will be for Lame Deer. And a follow-up clinic for that as well. Hopefully that will give us an opportunity to vaccinate anyone who is hesitant to come to the clinic or has transportation issues. And boost those vaccination rates.

Debbie Bends: Another thing, we are moving to Phase 2. Phase 2 includes basically everybody within that eligible age range. Both Native and Non-Native. Both locally and in our region. A lot of other IHS areas are doing this now, because the large group of people who wanted the vaccine have received it. We're just looking for more ways to get more people vaccinated, and hopefully we will see the end of COVID-19. I do want to thank the President for signing that letter in agreement with that. The other thing, I think most of you are aware of, is that President Biden did sign \$1.9 trillion for the American Rescue Plan Act for 2021. The IHS will be receiving \$6 billion of that, which actually exceeds our overall budget right now. So, there's lots to be done with planning for that. And Tribal consultation is scheduled coming up. I do appreciate this Administration for thinking of IHS and our Native Tribes in combatting COVID-19.

Lane Spotted Elk: I'm very interested to see how the \$6 billion will come down to Indian Country. And I know for us, one big priority for us is a Dialysis Center. If there's any way that some of the funding could be earmarked to the Dialysis Center, I think the Tribe would very much appreciate that conversation. As well as a Satellite Clinic. Because Northern Cheyenne, we're the only one that doesn't have a satellite clinic. I know Director Red Grave talked a little about that, and I'm excited to see what happens with that. And any way we can help, let us know.

Debbie Bends & William Ryman exited session @ 10:11 a.m.

Donald Shoulderblade entered session @ 10:12 a.m.

Donald Shoulderblade: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I'm here to ask for assistance. Me and my friend from California, we wrote a book, his name is Winfield Coleman. He came here in 1950 and hitchhiked over here, and got to meet lots of the Ceremonial men. He writes books, and four years ago I asked him to help me write a book. We need to preserve our history and our culture. This book is written by a Cheyenne, and education-wise, I think it's going to be a benefit to our children and our people. I'm asking for assistance to publish this book. I wanted to get 1,000 copies of this, soft cover. I talked to Winfield this morning and he said it takes about \$20,000. I want to give this book to the college students—seniors. We're not going to sell it, we're not going to make money. If I can get any kind of assistance to publish this book.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, and maybe we could have you get on Apple, the cloud. Do an audiobook.

Donald Shoulderblade: Yeah, that's what we wanted to do. But I checked the price and it's going to cost about \$42,000 to do the audio and the book.

Norma Gourneau: Do you have someone that can help publish this?

Donald Shoulder: We've already got someone lined up. We're just seeking funding.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			

Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Donald Shoulderblade exited session @ 10:21 a.m.

ELDERLY UPDATE

No updates at this time.

BUDGETS

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS
FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Lane Spotted Elk: We also have one budget we were going to add on for the Department of Commerce. It's for the project that's going on at the powwow grounds, they'd like to buy the material. So, this is a budget modification that the Treasurer's office reviewed and recommends that we approve today. It's for \$40,000 for supplies and lumber. That is my motion.

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 *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

Motion made by 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 *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Wallace Bearchum entered session @ 10:29 a.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
 APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE
 MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF FOURTEEN (14) INDIVIDUALS UNDER
 THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED
 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING
 AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR NINE (9) MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN
 CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR SIX (6) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Wallace Bearchum exited session @ 10:35 a.m.

MINUTES

MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM MARCH 1, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

Debra Charette: I just have one correction on page 11, for March 1st. It's “‘MOU,’ not ‘NOU,’ that's a typo.”

Nizhoni Robinson: Oh, okay. I'll change that.

Lane Spotted Elk: Also, a clarification on the March 1 Minutes: Councilwoman Charette and Councilwoman Gourneau are marked as absent. But as in briefly absent, so I think the protocol is to mark them as present, but then you mark when they arrive. Or generally, if they were present in the full meeting, they would be marked as present.

Nizhoni Robinson: So, for that, I would just change them to present?

Donna Fisher: On this, put arrival time.

Nizhoni Robinson: This was for Roll Call and the first vote, you two had stepped out.

Debra Charette: We would be absent, but then when we came in, then the time should be noted then.

Nizhoni Robinson: Okay.

Norma Gourneau: I would just like to thank Nizhoni for getting the minutes done. I appreciate you staying on top of them.

Lane Spotted Elk: I think that also goes for having regular Agenda meetings, so I'd like to thank everybody as well for making those meetings. And Nizhoni for keeping us in order.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM MARCH 8, 2021 SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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RESOLUTION GRANTING ADDITIONAL CARRYOVER LEAVE FROM FY 2020 ONLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Lane Spotted Elk: I think the intent of this was to bring our leave carryover up to the OMB (Office of Management Budget) Guidance. And that would be 240 hours instead of 260. Another question, I think we need to change the wording, but to make this a permanent change in the Personnel Manual. If you have up to two years of service, right now you can do 100 hours, with an increase to 140. Two to six years of service, right now it's 150, and would increase to 190. Six years of service or more, right now it's 200, and the amendment brings it up to 240. I guess I want some discussion on that because a lot of our employees were required to work. They were considered essential. And we had a lot of employees that lost leave because they were required to work. So this would be an amendment to the personnel policy.

Norma Gourneau: I have a suggestion. On the first page it says "in the personnel manual at this point in time." And in the "Therefore Be It Resolved" section, that you listed out the way it is on the front page, too. So that everyone can see what the intent is.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay.

Donna Fisher: And the Executive Branch, they already met with the HR Department and the Treasurer's office, we discussed all of this. We wanted to restore their leave because they lost leave. There were a lot of employees, well not a lot, but there were a lot of hours that were lost. So, what we wanted to do was restore their leave. Either at a percentage, or...we talked about restoring or paying out at a percentage. And the Treasurer recommended that we restore, so that there would be no financial obligation. So, is that clear?

Lane Spotted Elk: They've been trying to work on this issue since October. We were told that it would require an amendment.

Donna Fisher: Yeah, and we did meet on it.

Lane Spotted Elk: And this is in line with your recommendation. I think the question would be reinstating how much.

Donna Fisher: Yeah, at a percentage.

Lane Spotted Elk: If we restore based on the level of service, that would mean starting October 1st. Depending on, up to two years, they'd start with 140, two to six years would be 190, and six years of overly would start at 240. And that way, that would give us some basis of justifying.

Diane Spotted Elk: So, when they leave that job, however many years they've been there. At the end of their time, when they decide to go elsewhere, so they would get paid out? The 240, or the 190, whatever they have.

Donna Fisher: Yeah.

Lane Spotted Elk: If it's a transfer within the tribe, they would just carry their leave with them. From one program to another. The policy does not allow for any kind of payouts. That's my understanding. The two "Whereas" parts, that's the current policy.

Diane Spotted Elk: So all your bases are covered.

Donna Fisher: Home run.

Lane Spotted Elk: I think our workforce would appreciate this. Right now, we're below that by 40 hours. So this would just increase that threshold. Some programs are doing buy backs, but right now the policy does not allow for that. So, they were asking that, if they budgeted every year if they could buy back their leave at the end of the year. But I know that would be a tribal decision that needs to be made here. There are other discussions I think we need to have about that. I guess if everyone is okay with that. And then, adding a "Finally Be It Resolved," ...that the Executive Branch would work with HR, and the Tribal Finance can make these adjustments. And be distributed to the employees. This new leave policy. So we can draft that up, listed as intent as you mentioned there. Put that in there.

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 *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Donna Fisher: I would like to propose an Add On.

Add On:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE’S HERD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL TO THE INTER-TRIBAL BISON COOPERATIVE TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TRIBE’S BISON HERD

Donna Fisher: We already put the grant in, but we attached an old resolution for 2020 and they didn’t accept it. They want a newer, updated one. So, that’s for the Tribe’s buffalo.

Second Add On:

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH GOOD FAITH DATA SHARING OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE’S PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI) AND OTHER DATA, WITH DESIGNATED NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL BOARD OF HEALTH’S PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES

MOTION TO ADD ON: BISON HERD RESOLUTION. AMENDMENT MADE TO ADD IHS DATA SHARING RESOLUTION TO THIS MOTION

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Absent*				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 *Absent*				X

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
 AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL SIGNATORIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE
 TRIBAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS**

**Councilwoman Fisher requested the Council go into Executive Session
 Council went into Executive Session @ 11:58 a.m.
 Council exited Executive Session and reconvened @ 1:35 p.m.
 Councilwoman Foote entered session @ 1:36 p.m.**

Lane Spotted Elk: I would like to resume my resolution.

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

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

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 *Absent*				X

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE BUSINESS COUNCIL TO
 SUPPORT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL
 EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER TO ACQUIRE, ANALYZE, AND USE TRIBAL HEALTH
 DATA AND INFORMATION HELD BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
 HUMAN RESOURCES (DHHS), WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE
 INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS), AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE
 AREA TRIBES TO ASSIST MONTANA AND WYOMING TRIBES TO IMPROVE
 THEIR HEALTH STATUS**

Mena Limpy: Recently, Helen Tesfai, who is the Rocky Mountain Tribal Epidemiology Center Director at Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council has asked me to present to Tribal Council this draft resolution that you all have read and reviewed. Tafuna Tusi and Helen Tesfai and two other Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders staff presented to Council on Friday, March 12th, so you were able to ask questions already to the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders staff. And, I just want

to state for the record, that I am simply here to present the draft resolution provided by Rocky Mountain Tribal Leader Council, I'm not here to support it.

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Lane Spotted Elk.

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 *Absent*				X

0 votes Yes	10 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Defeated
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS PROGRAMS AND TRIBAL
JUSTICE SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS**

Norma Gourneau: This draft resolution has two parts to it. The first one is to authorize the submission of proposals to the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for Public Safety, Tribal Justice Systems Programs, and Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Programs. So there is funding that is being made available through the Department of Justice for specific programs to help tribes and there's about six parts where you can apply. But the tribe right now would be applying for just three parts of that. There is no guarantee that we will get these funds, but what the tribe would be applying for is under PA1 under the Tribal Justice Systems. In this would be for salaries and fringe benefits for newly hired or rehired full-time, sworn career Law Enforcement officers. Under PA #3, there's spending available for programs to improve officer safety and improve the delivery of law enforcement services related to opioids, stimulants, and other substance abuse related crimes. And then there's also equipment that's associated with that. This provision also authorizes Terry Small to prepare and submit the proposal on behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and approves a service contract with Terry Small as a consultant in the preparation of the above proposals and authorizes the Tribal President to execute such contract. And if the proposals are funded and we get money, then she will get a percentage of that. And that's what she will negotiate with the President. So right now, we don't need to authorize any funding or set aside any money. The downside of this for her is that if we don't get funded, then she doesn't get paid. If we do get funded, then she will collect a portion and will put that in the budget as professional services.

Melissa Fisher: So where is her contract? There was a contract she sent.

Norma Gourneau: And that is something her and the President will have to negotiate. So the contract will be in place, but the major provision of that is that she will prepare the proposals that are due March 30. And then there will be a payment thing if we get funded, she will receive a percentage of that for professional services. If we don't get funded, she won't get paid at all. That's the agreement that she agreed to.

Diane Spotted Elk: I'd like further discussion on that particular part of this. But even with this, I don't know who Terry Small is. I'd like to see it and I'd like to review it.

Norma Gourneau: I could print it out this morning, but I could read it to you.

Phillip Beckman: I think that's pretty simple. If we get the money, she gets paid. If we don't she doesn't.

Norma Gourneau: I want you guys to be okay with this, and I don't want any questions. So I will read this so that you all understand. The major provision of that is that it will be a standard contract. The only difference is the payment schedule that she will negotiate with the Tribal President. It's maybe 1% or 2% of the contract. So say we are limited in what we can apply for, and one of the categories is \$400,000. If we get funded for that \$400,000, then she will get a percentage of that. And it will go in as a line item for professional services. Now if we don't get funded, there is no compensation for that.

Melissa Fisher: I thought we had a grant writer here.

Norma Gourneau: Well, if you could tell me who they were, that would be nice.

Diane Spotted Elk: Well, that's why I want this discussion. Who are the grant writers?

Donna Fisher: I think for Economic Development.

Norma Gourneau: So who are the grant writers, give me their names, please.

Donna Fisher: So, I've just been having Rae do stuff out of my office, searching for grants that are out there. And having her grab and apply for them.

Norma Gourneau: And how are you paying her?

Donna Fisher: She just gets money from our payment.

Norma Gourneau: Okay, so if she's willing and able to do that, I don't have a problem with that. I just want this done. There is a deadline for March 30th.

Donna Fisher: I think she would take a look at it. She's in there right now.

Lane Spotted Elk: I think, too, if we could kind of support a team effort, I think that would probably be the best thing, too. Because there's a lot of grants the Tribe is eligible for, and not just one or two people, I think we're going to need a team of grant writers to work on this. So, if Terry's interested, and I know Fonda said she would work with her to collaborate and show her what she knows about things. Maybe that would be the best outcome here.

Melissa Fisher: Yeah, because what is Terry's experience with grants?

Norma Gourneau: You know, I don't really know. This is a recommendation that was made by Mr. Grinsell. I don't really know her.

Norma Gourneau: To me, it doesn't really matter who writes it. I just want the authority to submit these projects for funding. And if there's somebody who can do this and has the credentials, then that's why it's being presented to the Council. And I had sent out the resolution earlier, but I didn't submit the actual contract.

Lane Spotted Elk: Norma, when is this grant due?

Donna Fisher: March 30th.

Lane Spotted Elk: So two weeks, that's not much time, and we're trying to build up our law enforcement program. I know that's a priority of the Tribe, here. If that's your motion, I'll second your motion.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Lane Spotted Elk.

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 *Absent*				X

8 votes Yes	2 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Melissa Fisher: My reason for "no" is that I didn't get to see the contract. I didn't get to review it or anything. And I don't know her experience, and I don't think she has experience. That's my reason for voting "no."

Norma Gourneau: Thank you.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH GOOD FAITH DATA SHARING OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE'S PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI) AND OTHER DATA, WITH DESIGNATED NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL BOARD OF HEALTH'S PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY(S)

Motion made by Serena Wetherelt. Second by Phillip Beckman.

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 *Absent*				X

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE'S HERD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL TO THE INTER-TRIBAL BISON COOPERATIVE TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TRIBE'S BISON HERD

Lane Spotted Elk: I just have a quick question on this, Madame President. Would you be open to adding a "Whereas the Council will receive an update" if we do get this grant. Like, we'll get progress on it.

Donna Fisher: It's already a given and we just needed this resolution.

Lane Spotted Elk: How much is the grant?

Donna Fisher: \$20,000. Or, \$25,000. Sorry, \$25,000.

Lane Spotted Elk: Or maybe if we could get an update on where we are with the program, you know.

Donna Fisher: Yes.

Motion made by Diane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

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 *Absent*				X

10 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 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

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Meeting Adjourned @ 2:03 p.m.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 15th day of March 2021.


 Nizhoni Robinson, Secretary
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe