



HETÓMESTÔTSE

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council



“The mission of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is to provide, in the spirit of unity, leadership to improve the quality of life for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe through the instrumentalities of the Tribe and the most effective use of community input based on commonly shared values.”

Littlemouth Wins Birney



Newly elected Councilman Ernest Littlemouth participates in his first Tribal Council Meeting after being sworn in.

Vacant Seat Filled and Birney District Moves Forward

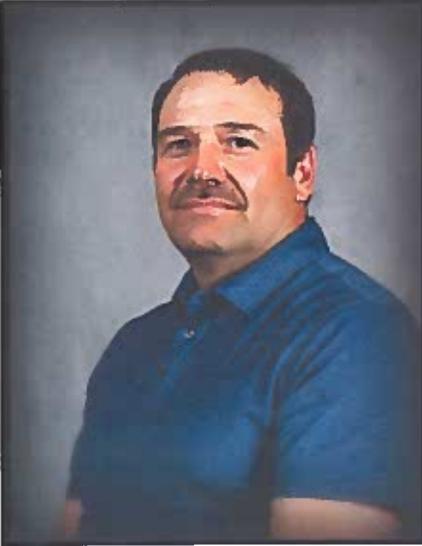
The final polls have been tallied for the special election held to fill the vacant Birney District seat on the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council. Ernest Littlemouth Sr collected over half the of the 379 votes that were collected to win the seat. I had the opportunity to sit down with Birney Councilman Littlemouth to discuss some of the topics of concerns that he is going to target in his term

First off we discussed how the Birney District residents felt not having any formal representation on the Tribal Council. Most residents including himself felt like they had no communication with the Tribe. Being the most rural of the five districts, Birney residents already deal with issues most of people on the Northern Cheyenne have no idea about. The need to improve

on Emergency and Law Enforcement services to the Birney area was of very high importance. There were also general home security issues, which are a big concern throughout our entire reservation.

Making sure the Birney youth are going to be able to participate in the annual summer feeding program was the next thing on the list. Their District Hall which is aging and in need of major and minor repairs just to be able to host summer feeding program as well as the rest of the community events.

He also highlights the need for the Birney Youth and Elders. They need something positive to get them moving and give them something to do. Our elders have a lot of needs that need to be taken care of.



Tracy Robinson

Ashland District Representative

Sergeant at Arms

Committees: Economic Development Committee (Chair)

Agenda Committee (Chair)

Land Authority Committee

Grazing Committee

Liason: Northern Cheyenne Development Corporation (NCDC)

Welcome to Hetómestôtse (The Truth). My name is Tracy Robinson, the Sergeant at Arms for the Tribal Council. The idea behind Hetómestôtse was to allow the Tribal Council members an outlet to show the Northern Cheyenne people the projects that the Tribal Council are actively participating in.

One thing I would like to address before I move on is the allegation that I went on to a job site and removed a Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority employee from their job site over them not giving a written apology to Councilman McMakin. That is not true and that is all I want to say about that.

I would like to inform the Northern Cheyenne people of the good things their Tribal Council representatives are involved in. For instance, the work along Cheyenne Avenue which The strip mall is nearing completion the completion date which is currently set for June 1st. Another project located on Cheyenne Avenue is the Laundromat will be opening soon as the Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority workers are working their hardest to complete both projects as soon as possible. The Tribal Council has hired Dion Killsback to write our new Law and Order code. We are expecting the first draft which will be up for comment.

We are also working at updating our Policies and Procedures for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. These are needed to help our Tribe have some structure and organization. Last month you read the Executive Order that President Fisher came out with and the Amendment that the Tribal Council added to the code. Some might think that we are overreacting. It is up to the Tribal Government to work at keeping our homeland safe.

The wireless company COMNET has been installing the new cellphone towers that are close to being completed. We are currently expecting them to be finished up with the towers operating at full capacity by the end of June. The Tribe has entered into agreement with COMNET and applied for an FCC grant. We were successful in receiving these funds finish the project. This will not only provide some revenue to the tribe but will offer a much needed service for emergency services and other resources that rely on communication.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to stop by and talk with me or any of the other Tribal Council representatives.



William Rowland

Lame Deer District Representative

Committees: Land Authority Committe (Vice-Chair)

Liason: Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority
Northern Cheyenne Board of Health

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe has acquired the former Free Spirit Campground from private owners which has now increased our land holdings around our sacred mountain. We all know how much Noahvose means to every Cheyenne as well as other tribes who come and pray at the mountain. I would like to see the campground developed in a respectful way while still generating income for the tribe from prospective campers who would like to enjoy the beauty of the mountain. Of course there would have to be major stipulations for campers to be respectful of their surroundings. The campground will be drug and alcohol free which will be strictly enforced. I feel like this could be a big business adventure for the Tribe.

Another project the council has been working towards which I would like to see through is the Tongue River Campground. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe owns land in and around the Tongue River Dam recreational area that is prime for economic development. The council has been looking into developing a campground with all the amenities of convenience camping that would generate income for the tribe. There have been plans in the past to build a casino on this land which is still a possibility although that would be down the road after we become more stable economically.

One thing that I have learned while being in office is the need for the transition from one Tribal Council to the next has to be smoother. What one council has worked on shouldn't be scrapped and then have the next council start from scratch. That makes no sense. We need to have an orientation process that picks up the projects that the council representative they replaced is working on. This would ensure that we are seeing our projects through which builds better relationships with the people we are partnered with.

Our Board of Health has been working very hard at tackling our substance abuse problem with limited resources. There is a need for our people who want help with their substance abuse issues that want to be home but have nowhere to turn to but the environment they are trying to leave. If we had a transitional living center on the Northern Cheyenne we could help rehabilitate them and get them back on their feet.

We also need more jobs in our area. That is an easy thing to say but quite a bit harder to do. It has taken us a long time to get in the predicament we are in and I call on the people to have patience with the tribe. We have been tackling our poverty issues with development of Cheyenne avenue. With two new businesses on the verge of opening on Cheyenne Avenue which will offer some of the people the opportunity to have jobs that were previously not there.

Cell Phone Service Finds The Northern Cheyenne

If you are a mobile phone user you may have noticed that your mobile device is working throughout the Northern Cheyenne in areas previously unable to receive any cell phone reception signal. This is due in large part to the new Cell Towers that have been placed strategically throughout the reservation by a company called COMMNET. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe has partnered with COMMNET, a company based out of Atlanta, Georgia, in an effort to provide cell service to the people residing on the Northern Cheyenne. "This cell tower project has been a long time in the making" stated Ashland District Representative Tracy Robinson who is the Sergeant of Arms for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council. Referring to the efforts to bring the service of cell phone reception to the people who reside and travel through southeastern Montana. "The project is nearing completion with roughly 95% of the project completed."

Multiple Tribal Council's have worked on the cell phone project since the early 2000's. With recent help from a 2.5 million dollar Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Grant, plus an agreement with COMMNET that split the costs of the Cell Towers 50/50 between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and COMMNET. This has allowed the tribe to keep our investment to a



Cell tower blends in with the landscape at the Westside subdivision minimum.

COMMNET has been working with several other tribes based in the Southwest but mostly with the Dine people of the Four Corners region. In most cases COMMNET provides the only wireless communications available in those areas.

Their mission statement reads, "COMMNET has a simple focus of connecting rural America with affordable, carrier grade communications networks to improve safety and quality of life, and to promote economic development. The areas we focus on are predominantly communities of less than 2,500 people."

With cellular service improving our communication capabilities across the board. It was important that everyone be able to access the cell towers. When it came time to strategize on where to place the cell towers, the Tribal Council expressed the need for each district to have access to the cell towers. With the first towers going up in areas along highway 212, one cell tower was placed in Busby, another on the Lame Deer to Ashland divide, one in downtown Lame Deer and the final cell tower is to be placed in the Birney district. COMMNET expects to have the Birney cell tower on air by the end of June. Along with the Birney cell tower, COMMNET will be finishing up the final phase of the cell tower project by adjusting the towers to improve reception capability.



Marker on the fence at the site located on the divide the Ashland Divide



Eloise Snow

Busby District Representative

Committees: Budget & Finance Committee (Chair)
Ad-Hoc Committee (Chair)

Liason: Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority (NCHA)

Greetings Northern Cheyenne Nation, my name is Eloise Snow and I am one of the Tribal Council representatives from the Busby District. The committees that I sit on are as follows: Budget & Finance (Chair), Ad-Hoc (Chair), I also fill the role of liaison to the Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority. Committees are critical to the Tribal Council in addressing the needs for the people. Each Council member is encouraged to be a part of at least of three committees but we are not regulated to that number.

All of the work that we do is for the Northern Cheyenne people and that is something that I hold true to. Here is an update of the projects that I have been contributing to along with the other Tribal Council members.

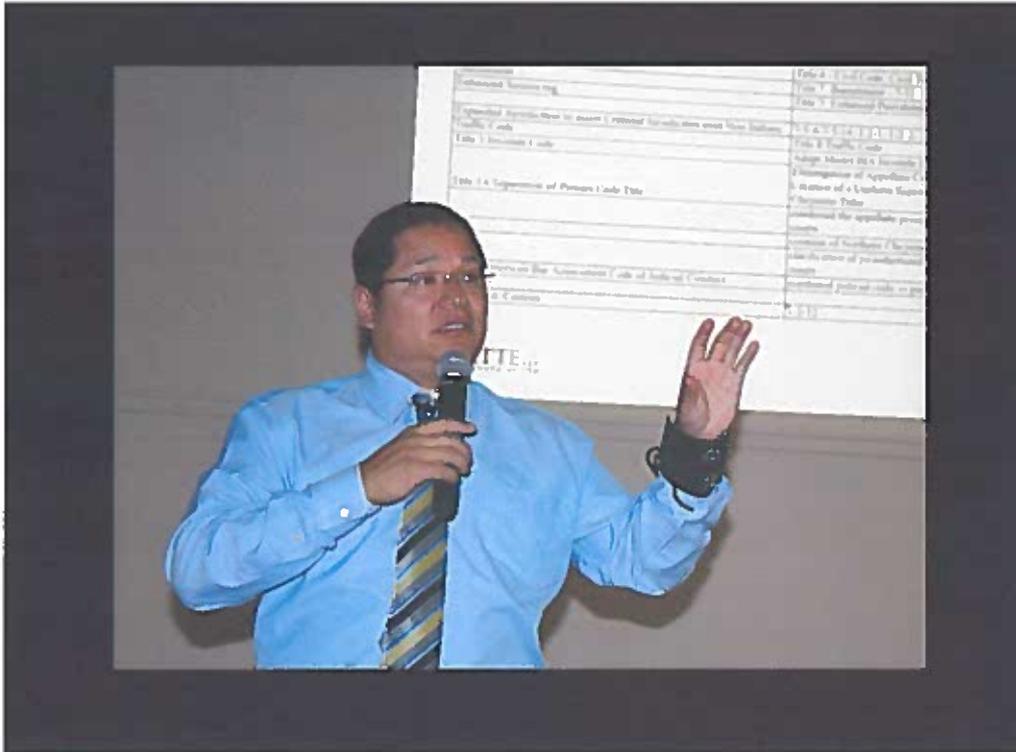
For the month of April we were able to help out some of the Elderly Tribal members with their light bills through the assistance of the LIHEAP program. Unfortunately, the funding for the program was not sufficient to meet the needs of the people so the Tribal Council was able to supplement the LIHEAP program with some extra help in the form of ten-thousand dollars. This was a very proud moment. Our elders mean a great deal to me and to be able to help them get through the winter by taking care of their electricity bills has been very fulfilling.

The Tribal Council was also able to help sponsor youth activities as they traveled throughout the region competing in Little League Baseball, Rodeo's, School Trips and Basketball Tournaments to name a few.

I have also attended several meetings involving our transportation department which is currently trying to bring different projects to our area. These projects will help improve our roads and improve the overall safety of our people traveling on them. We recently 638 the road maintenance of our Tribal Roads from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Several other projects are underway such as a Walking Path and Lighting for the Busby District, Rosebud cut across, and the completion of the Bike Path in Lame Deer.

Thank you for taking this time to see what we here at the Tribal Council are working towards improving our communities health and wellbeing.

Thank You For Your Input On L & O Code



Mr. Dion KILLSBACK presents the revised Law and Order code to a group of tribal members

There is still time for you to submit your comments

The Tribal Council would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Law & Order Code Review which was held in each District of the Northern Cheyenne. Your questions and comments are vital to the success of the revision of our Law & Order codes that will govern the people through our civil unrest. We would like to inform each Northern Cheyenne Tribal member of the important dates that are left until the review of the Law & Order is complete.

In order to do understand why these dates are so important you need to understand the process. The public comment phase of the review process is almost over. In order for your input to be taken into account you have to make your comments by July 14th, 2016.

You can submit your comment online at northerncheyennelawandordercode.com or here at the Little Wolf Capitol Building.

After the public comment period is over Rosette Law Firm which has been contracted by the Northern Cheyenne Tribe will take each of you comments and process the content. This portion of the review process will last until August 1st, 2016.

From there Rosette Law Firm, which is headed up by Mr. Dion KILLSBACK will submit a draft of the new Law & Order code to the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council will then review all public comments made to the Law & Order Code.