

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

**REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

August 1, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Richard Littlebear

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>Sheldon King</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>STED-Billings, MT</b>
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>TERO-Bellingham, WA</b>
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>President Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		

Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sheldon King-We're trying to meet with Fleetwood Gaming to see if they'll give us a better deal. The National Headstart Conference is in Spokane, I feel that the Director should be there. All these Headstart Programs will show up with a Director.

**ELDERLY UPDATE-NOT PRESENT**

**DISTRICT UPDATE-NOT PRESENT**

**BIA SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE-NOT PRESENT**

**HEADSTART UPDATE-NOT PRESENT**

Packet included.

**OPI SYSTEM OF CARE-STEPHANIE IRONSHOOTER, AUGUST SCALPCANE,  
KARLA TWO TWO.**

August Scalpcane-I've been working with OPI for almost a year now. It is a good program, based on positivity and strengths. This resolution will allow Stephanie to help Lame Deer School.

Tracy Robinson-We're looking at applying for this through SAMHSA.

Stephanie Iron Shooter-The resolution today is asking OPI to collaborate with current resources.

Tracy Robinson-I'm a big supporter of things like this. We also have NCTS, we would like to make sure we cover as many as we can. We need to get Busby and the lower grades involved. I want to make sure we look at trying to touch everybody.

Stephanie Iron Shooter-It has taken a long time to get the kids to trust Tiger, and he's from here. There's only 10 in the program, and there is a waiting list. Where would you like us to go next?

Tracy Robinson-Probably Busby, then to the elementary schools later.

Conrad Fisher-Do you have any information on successes? Is this separate funding or a stand alone?

Stephanie Iron Shooter-I'll send a progress report and project narrative. Tiger is an OPI employee.

Conrad Fisher-At least send the grant itself, at the minimum.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE REQUIRING TRIBAL, STATE AND/OR FEDERAL PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES/FUNDING OR OTHER "RESOURCES" TO SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF CARE.** Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Tracy Robinson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**BUDGETS-ELOISE SNOW**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 197-224B.** Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Tracy Robinson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		

**9 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND-NEW TRANSPORATION.** Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Tracy Robinson.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		

**9 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**MINUTES-TRIBAL SECRETARY**

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 2, 2015, NOVEMBER 10, 2015, NOVEMBER 16, 2015.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>			X
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		

**8 votes Yes      0 votes No      1 Abstention      Motion Carried**

**CDKC CHARTER AMENDMENT-RICHARD LITTLEBEAR**

Richard Littlebear-Thanks for letting me do the invocation this morning. One of the things was that the college can sue or be sued. We want to be under the sovereign immunity of the Tribal Council. That's the only thing we want to have stricken from the previous one that you passed.

Tracy Robinson-Did they have to delete the part about being sued for funding purposes?

Richard Littlebear-We don't have a suit pending.

Vice President Russell-We had a CDKC Board of Directors meeting. This was thoroughly discussed with our attorney, Brian Chestnut.

President Fisher-When do you have your elections?

Richard Littlebear-This fall, all but two are going to be elected.

Conrad Fisher-Because you fall under the umbrella of the Tribe, as far as lections  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AMENDING THE CHARTER OF CHIEF DULL KNIFE COLLEGE.** Motion made by Vice President Russell. Second by Tracy Robinson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		

<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>		

**9 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN-MERLIN SIOUX**

Merlin Sioux-I wish you would all take the time to read it. It's mostly for emergencies, included is fire, law enforcement, and NCTHA.

Tracy Robinson-Who heads this up?

Merlin Sioux-Ron Spang

Tracy Robinson-It covers any emergency?

Merlin Sioux-Yes. Just the name changes were included.

Eloise Snow-I know we need this in place, but my recommendation is to table.

**MOTION MADE BY ELOISE SNOW TO TABLE THE EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. SECOND BY ERNEST LITTLE MOUTH.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Sheldon King</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			<b>ABSENT</b>

**8 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT-ROBERTA BIGBACK**

Sheldon King-The elderly program, like Headstart is important. They should be here to present, and communicate.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NATION-WIDE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**

Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Merlin Sioux.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift			
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			ABSENT

**8 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**BIA DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION-MERLIN SIOUX**

Merlin Sioux-The position is closed. I think we should recommend Jana Waters.

President Fisher-If there's two tribal members that applied, we need to table it.

**MOTION MADE BY MERLIN SIOUX TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BIA HIRE A QUALIFIED CHEYENNE. SECOND BY TRACY ROBINSON.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift			
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

**9 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**TALEN ENERGY-AIR QUALITY-TRACY ROBINSON**

Tracy Robinson-Jay Littlewolf, Brian Chestnut, and William Walksalong worked on this.

President Fisher-This is the third time the company has changed hands.

Tracy Robinson-It pays for the air monitoring on the reservation.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH TALEN ENERGY FOR AIR QUALITY MONITORING ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Eloise Snow. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux			ABSENT
Benji Headswift			
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

**8 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**ZIONTZ CHESTNUT CONTRAT-TRACY ROBINSON**

President Fisher-I'd like to see the RFP out and advertise this. That's my recommendation.

Ernest Littlemouth-I'll make that motion.

**MOTION MADE BY ERNEST LITTLEMOUTH TO PUT AN RFP FOR THE ATTORNEY CONTRACT FOR 30 DAY. SECOND BY MERLIN SIOUX. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift			
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

**9 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**LEGAL SERVICES-TRANSPORTATION**

Tracy Robinson-This firm does work across the United States. There’s nothing attached.

**MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY CONRAD FISHER.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**BEAR BUTTE PROPERTY-WILLIE ROWLAND**

Tracy Robinson-I am an advocate for the development corporation. The Culture Commission has set up a meeting.

Vice President Russell-What about the societies that want to come?

Willie Rowland-Tell them to come.

Rachel Carroll-Bear Butte is very important to our people. It’s a very holy, sacred, place for many of our people. We need respect and love for the people and our land. Those two weeks during Sturgis, those who understand the bible, it’s like Sodom and Gomorra. You can have a policy not to allow things that deface the sacred property. I’m asking you to reconsider this, you have work that needs to be done here. Developments should be done with respect, and you should accept the recommendation from the Culture Commission.

Bilford Curley-When you buy something, you have to have a plan of how you’re going to pay for it. Thunderchild has been sitting there for four years. Maheo created that, when we are hurting, we go there to pray. The Culture Commission protects sacred sites. We had a meeting, I asked for transparency and communication. I didn’t get that. We went to forum and discussed a big bar that’s going to be built. We met with the Sioux, we’re trying to stop it from coming in. It’s our healing place, our home. We need to protect that. I want to see everyone work together rather than personal differences. We were left out, as far as recommending, we need to discuss this. Did you meet with the ceremonial sector? Have respect, plan and work together. Teanna and the archeologist are doing a great job.



Lafe Haugen-As my uncle Bilford shared, we were taught as Cheyenne to help each other. Donna Fisher picked up a hitchhiker that had been away from here for 30 years. All the buildings in town were vacant. He said "what happened?". She said, "politics happened". Cheyennes don't work together anymore. The Council has 4 year terms, all they did was fight. I asked to help any way I can. The campground has been vacant. There was a group of Christian bikers that used to rent the campground. We have property all around the Butte. The other property looks the rez right now, there are junk cars and garbage everywhere.

**MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON TO SCHEDULE A WORKING SESSION WITH THPO, CULTURE COMMISSION, NCDC, AND LAND AUTHORITY ON AUGUST 8/10/16 AT THE CHARGING HORSE CASINO. SECOND BY CONRAD FISHER.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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Tracy Robinson-Four years ago, I was part of the group that purchased that property. That mountain is very sacred to us. The issue was ensuring that the property stay preserved. Land Authority was supposed to come up with a plan. I also see the waste going on with what we have there. If we work together, we can solve those problems. Let's work on putting a solution together. I'm not a ceremonial man, but I do believe in our ways.

Vice President Russell-I want to thank the Council and the people for voting here. I was there at that time, I was Acting President. We asked for help over here and nothing was done on that. When I was up there, what I've gone through, people are very serious about that place. That's why I had that resolution. I'm not trying to keep that for myself. I go up there every time I need help. I hope we come up with a solution next week where we all agree on it.

Ernest Littlemouth-When I first went up there. I was one that agreed, I didn't look at the proposal they put in. I took an elder, we prayed up there, smoked a pipe. Some parents came and asked I knew about this. Did you hear about some kids getting drunk up there? I think we should leave it to the culture committees and societies to make that decision.

Sheldon King-My understanding was that it would be drug and alcohol free. Not to open a bar, not to allow drinking or drugs. I wish there was time for our elders to take our youth and show

how to do things right. For 4 years, it was deteriorating. We need to put a person in there that has respect for our land.

President Fisher-We bought the property to preserve and protect that mountain so people can worship there. We need to generate money so we can maintain it.

Meredith Tallbull-It takes money to do things. For the last 4 years, the only activity that it's had is CDKC, and Housing. We should have had a business plan, now we have to go backward. You have to start coming together. Young men don't have opportunities here, there are no jobs.

**GOVERNOR BULLOCK ENDORSEMENT-PRESIDENT FISHER**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ENDORSING GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK IN HIS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Vice President Russell.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift			
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

**9 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Conrad Fisher.

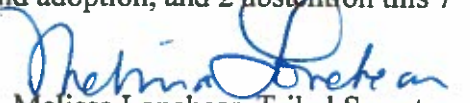
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift			
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

**9 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 2 abstention this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

  
Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe