

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

**REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 18, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: President Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Ernest Littlemouth

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux		X	Personal Leave.
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		
President Fisher	X		

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Fisher-Last Wednesday, they had a community meeting. The people are requesting to postpone the Law & Order Code for at least 6 months.

Tracy Robinson-I visited with a few of them this morning. I told them were weren't going to pass the code today. Dana said they're going to get their minutes typed up. I went to the TBEC meeting, it was a really good meeting. It's important stay engaged with State and National Committees. All the Area Directors were there. One of the biggest concerns was road maintenance, there was two Tribes that voted against it, Oklahoma and Alaska. They are not large land based. There's a huge need that's unmet. There is a push from Senators to look for additional money. I gave testimony on how the DOJ is not meeting the needs of tribes. The jail was built to house 19 inmates, and it usually has 60.

AGENDA ADDITION-BEAR BUTTE CAMPGROUND. Motion made by Willie Rowland.
Second by Oly McMakin.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		

Eloise Snow			ABSENT
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			X

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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Vice President Russell-We've been working on this for quite a while. I see this as a ceremonial grounds for our people. This is not for making money. I believe in our ways. That place is not to make money. That place is a sacred ground to help our people. I talked to the societies and they are going to meet. Maybe we can have a working session to see what we can come up with. You know, there was a resolution on the land, not to be used as a business. I'm still going to get the people together. I believe in Bear Butte. That's what I want to tell the Council, I'll still have that meeting.

Conrad Fisher-We had a nice commencement in Ft. Robinson, Nebraska. There was singing, dancing, feasting, and good feelings. Those that were there were very satisfied. This weekend was a very special weekend in Ft. Robinson.

Eloise Snow-I have a question in the tribal council minutes. This is the 4th meeting now that we don't have minutes.

Melissa Lonebear- I'll have some at the next meeting. My computer is broken, that's why I'm using a tablet. I'm having Ray fix it.

Conrad Fisher-It's really important to have minutes. We should have minutes from the previous meeting to pass at the next Tribal Council Meeting.

Melissa Lonebear-I'll have some at the next meeting.

BIA SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE-MIKE ADDY

Mike Addy-We have a new Supervisory Social Worker, Julie Weaver. We're about fully staffed in Social Services.

Julie Weaver-I have a Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Carolina, and I obtained my Master's Degree in Social Work. I've worked in state hospital settings. I like this area a lot.

Mike Addy-Last week we received word that the Welfare Assistance only got funded for 80%. We're going to have to suspend the GA program immediately.

Jace Killback-You didn't mention if you're native or not. The GA will impact all the tribal programs now. Is there something this Council can do? The 20 families that are affected by this, times it by 3. I want to reiterate that this is a very serious issue.

Tracy Robinson-Last week at Rapid City, Mike Black was talking about a carryover in BIA.

Mike Addy-The welfare system, I've gone to central office, and to regional office. If the Tribe asks the question, maybe you would get an answer.

Conrad Fisher-Jace made a good point. As far as the collaboration from your office to Social Services, we need to do something. If there's something we can do to plead our case, please let us know. We know your hands are tied sometimes at the local level.

Mike Addy-The cut is nationwide.

Conrad Fisher-If there's something we can do as a Council, your recommendation is important.

Mike Addy-Last week we had a meeting, there was a rangeland assessment done by USDA. Some of the things they utilized, they included a lot of areas. There's going to be a significant reduction in what's going to be available.

Tracy Robinson-Why is BIA using USDA to do this? Is the BIA getting out of their trust responsibility by using USDA?

President Fisher-It's going to cut our income.

Mike Addy-I'd like to come in here to meet with the Tribe to explain the process.

Tracy Robinson-A lot of times we have a third party come in and they're not used to working on the reservations.

Mike Addy-Those range units are overgrazed.

Conrad Fisher-Is this common practice with the Bureau? It's important that our local BIA be involved.

Mike Addy-We need to visit with the person that did the assessment.

Tracy Robinson-Our Land Authority office is staffed now, we can have them look into this.

Mike Addy-I want to give you a fire update.

Adam Wolf-We've had about 32 fires, 17 of them were unknown. There was one coal seam fire. We had 229 acres this year. The lightning fires are in remote areas. We have 2 active fires right now. We have 36 firefighters, 13 are emergency firefighters. We're trying to bring a helicopter in, and we're working on getting engines here. We have about 88 coal seams, we're going to watch those.

President Fisher-Are you utilizing our local people with equipment?

Adam Wolf-Yes, we're working on getting local people.

IHS UPDATE-DEBBIE BENDS

Sheldon King-Who's in charge of transportation? Do they do an evaluation on your drivers?

Debbie Bends-Roberta Whiteman is in charge. She does the assessment.

Sheldon King-My dad is on dialysis now. He goes three times a week. There are people getting mistreated.

Charlotte Rockroads-About 3 years ago, I talked to Amber. My son was mistreated in the hospital. I asked Amber who monitors the ones that go up? It's a lot of money and they're getting mistreated up there.

Debbie Bends-What really helps is if there is a patient advocate for the hospitals. It's really needed. I will bring that up.

President Fisher-Why do we have all those vacancies? We have tribal members that said they would come back if there were changes made.

Debbie Bends-Because of the access, the legal requirements, the scheduling system is complicated. I asked for a dental review. We're looking at having care teams within dental like we do in the clinic. My focus for the past few months has been dental. With the pharmacy, we've sent letters out, starting October 1, we will require those receiving narcotics to have a picture ID. This is a DEA requirement.

Jace Killsback-The board would like a meeting on this. We understand the DEA perspective. If it's a safeguard from abusing, we can't deny people from getting their medication. We just want to be involved with it. We want to as least include our input.

Debbie Bends-From what I understand, we're the only agency not implementing this.

ENROLLMENT-WALLACE BEARCHUM

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF TWENTY-TWO (22) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		

Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			ABSENT
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR NINE (9) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING DATE OF BIRTH CHANGES FOR TWO (2) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR THREE (3) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

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 116-342. Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Tracy Robinson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

TRIBAL FORESTRY-BIA FUNDING-TERRY SPANG

Agenda Item was previously passed in March.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING BIA FORESTRY FUNDING UNDER A NEW GRANT SET AT \$8,880.00 FOR THE PURPOSE TO PURCHASE FIELD EQUIPMENT FOR FIELD WORK AND AUHTORIZING THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO INITIATE THE PROCESS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

NCTBOH PURCHASE REFERRED CARE-L. JACE KILLSBACK

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT A PORTION OF THE PURCHASED REFERRERD CARE (PRC) TO DEVELOP AND MANAGE A TRIBAL PREMIUM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM. Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Willie Rowland.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell	X		

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

Jace Killsback-There's a grant to help with transportation. Wellness also gives rides to help fill a void. Our program doesn't offer medical transportation. We'll be negotiating next month for our AFA. We've been harping on IHS to help. PRC is a new name for contract health. We have a proposal to take over and contract a portion of our contract health. This project is being done by Arapaho and Fond Du Lac in Minnesota. It's a really good program. We need to increase our own capacity. This will be a catalyst for moving forward.

Tracy Robinson-We're capable, we can start doing this. With this type of outreach, would we have a space right in the clinic?

Jace Killsback-Yes. When I became the health director, now that we have a settlement, that's what we're gearing toward. We asked what's needed most, number 1 was the healing center, the other was a new fitness center. The MSPI grant is now going to be competitive. IHS is making us fight over scraps. We have to have data now. This is prevention, not treatment.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE'S METHAMPHETAMINE & SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE (MSPI) GRANT. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN-MERLIN SIOUX

Merlin Sioux-absent from the meeting.

MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON TO TABLE THE EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN. SECOND BY SHELDON KING

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

CONTRACT SUPPORT COST SETTLEMENT-L. JACE KILLSBACK

Jace Killsback-I'd like to acknowledge my staff that helped with this. This claim was initiated in 2006, the settlement that Board of Health filed for. This amount is going to help us build 2 projects.

APPROVING PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR UNPAID CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS, FYS 2006 THROUGH 2011. Motion made by Ernest Littlemouth. Second by Tracy Robinson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

BIA GRANT-CONSTITUTION REVISION-TRACY ROBINSON

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS GRANT TO REVISE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES NO ABSTAIN

Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.			X
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Benji Headswift			ABSENT
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher			ABSENT
Vice President Russell	X		

7 votes Yes 0 votes No 1 Abstention Motion Carried

638 RECONTRACTING-WILLIAM WALKSALONG

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RE-CONTRACTING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS FROM THE DOI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

CDKC CHARTER AMENDMENT-VICE PRESIDENT RUSSELL

MOTION MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT RUSSELL TO TABLE THE CDKC CHARTER. SECOND BY TRACY ROBINSON.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		

Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux			
Benji Headswift			ABSENT
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher			ABSENT
Vice President Russell	X		

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT-ROBERTA BIGBACK

MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON TO TABLE THE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT. SECOND BY JOE FOX, JR.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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BEAR BUTTE CAMPGROUND-LAFE HAUGEN, BO VOCU, RODNEY TRAHAN

Lafe Haugen-This proposal is not for making money. It was a request by the Tribal Council. I respect the fact that the mountain is sacred. I put a proposal together, I want to be as sensitive as I can here. We're one of the players that can assist with this. We noted that culture would be the number 1 priority.

Tracy Robinson-I was on the Council when we bought the campground. The purpose was to make sure that Bear Butte stays pristine. We've paid a lot of money for it. It's falling apart and it's a shame. I'm not trying to promote economic development here. There's been several different proposals submitted for the property. We have NCTHA and NCDC here.

Ernest Littlemouth-I stopped by there this weekend. You can block part of it off. It can make money for three weeks out of the year.

Joe Fox, Jr.-When we purchased this 3 years ago, there had to be a plan and objectives in place. I've seen the potential it has to help our people. A lot of our families have fasted up there.

Maybe there's a reason this tribe purchased the land. I also believe in keeping the cultural aspect of our Tribe. This plan here will benefit the tribe in general.

Willie Rowland-I think it's a good idea, to keep the culture intact. You have to make some money for the upkeep and utilities.

Conrad Fisher-If we can get a little money coming in, we can make it work.

President Fisher-I agree with housing, but I'm disappointed in NCDC for not giving reports and following it's charter.

MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY NCTHA FOR THE BEAR BUTTE CAMPGROUND PROJECT. SECOND BY BENJI HEADSWIFT.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

*Resolution was not submitted to Tribal Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Benji Headswift.

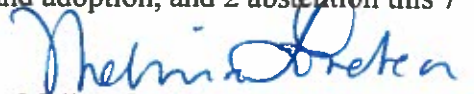
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Adjourned at 1:09 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 7th day of December 2016.


Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe