

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

REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

June 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

INVOCATION: Alaina Buffalo Spirit

ROLL CALL:

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

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy Robinson-Sunday we start the district presentations of the draft Law & Order Code. Monday will be all tribal employees at Charging Horse Casino.

Vice President Russell-Yesterday I went to the hospital to visit, he's not a tribal member but lived in Busby all this time. They're taking him off the respirator today. These people are going to need help.

ELDERLY UPDATE-NOT PRESENT

DISTRICT UPDATE

Dana Eaglefeathers-Last month we presented a couple of resolutions we're trying to enact.

Tracy Robinson-I was on travel, I haven't seen them. Did you do an agenda request?

Dana Eaglefeathers-No, because we're on the agenda every month.

Tracy Robinson-For housekeeping, you still have to do an agenda request.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The resolutions were so the District Chairs can do their duties without retaliation, and there was one to dissolve the Busby School Board.

Tracy Robinson-I haven't seen the resolutions and we talked about the school board many times.

Eloise Snow-By August, we are moving finance back up there, and the policies are done.

President Fisher-The agreement was, once Brian completes the policies, it would go back to the community.

Eloise Snow-We're going through them, we're meeting with Beth. We'll get them printed and come back to the board, then we'll pass them.

President Fisher-Then the Ad Hoc will be going to each district?

Eloise Snow-That will take longer.

Tracy Robinson-If you take that out to the districts, it has to be approved by the Tribal Council. If you do that, all the policies, Casino, NCTHA, everything will have to go out.

Dana Eaglefeathers-As far as the school board, the Ad Hoc hasn't shown any concern for our students at Busby School.

Tracy Robinson-We're not here to beat up the Ad Hoc today, if they said it will be turned over by August, give them the benefit of the doubt.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I think the people should at least get to see them. My kids have always gone to school there once we moved home.

Conrad Fisher-They just received the System of Operations. First of all, my condolences to your family. I don't think at this point we can decide, I'd like to see the System of Operations. The board needs to approve those.

Oly McMakin-I think at one point there was a parent committee, we could try that again.

President Fisher-I appoint, and I left out Ashland and Birney. It wasn't intentional.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I'm only a voice for the Busby District, this issue comes up every month.

Sheldon King-It's not in our hands, it's in their hands, and they're working on it.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Maybe you can bring them to the next district meeting.

Vice President Russell-I'll go with Conrad's recommendation to have them reviewed by the committee.

MOTION MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT RUSSELL FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE SYSTEM OF OPERATIONS AND BRING A RECOMMENDATION BACK ON HOW TO DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION TO THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

10 votes Yes

0 votes No

0 Abstentions

Motion Carried

Conrad Fisher-As a Council we need to look at how we'll distribute them to the reservation.

Tracy Robinson-Do you have an update on your building?

Dana Eaglefeathers-Our contractor pulled out, he got really booked up for the summer. Everyone is pointing fingers at the contractor, and myself. He sent an e-mail saying that there's too much politics involved.

Benji Headswift-Can you define what too much politics means? We went out on a limb to sole source his contract.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I don't think anyone went out on a limb for anyone.

Benji Headswift-I don't see how. You as a contractor, knows that there is a procurement process. The only things we asked of that contractor was a schedule and itemized budget to show how the money is being spent. So what's next?

Sheldon King-I kept checking with Renessa, and the contract was drafted, she was waiting for him to come in.

President Fisher-All we asked for is a scope of work and a budget.

Sheldon King-You're saying politics, but we had nothing to do with it.

Dana Eaglefeathers-We're going to incorporate the community to help with the building up there. I'd like to sit down with the President, Vice President, and Renessa.

Tracy Robinson-Renessa is Procurement, you can work with the President to get that done. We have policies in place, they have to be followed. We did go out on a limb, just put the plan together and get it done.

**MOTION MADE BY TRACY ROBINSON FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO WORK WITH PROCUREMENT, DANA, AND SHELDON TO GET THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMPLETED, AND TO REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING. SECOND BY CONRAD FISHER.
ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

11 votes Yes

0 votes No

0 Abstentions

Motion Carried

Eloise Snow-In the other districts, who is over them?

Tracy Robinson-In Ashland, the District Chair is in charge of the building. The Tribe does take care of the utilities, the district is supposed to budget money for any repairs, etc.

Dana Eaglefeathers-We'll try to have something next week to bring back to the next Tribal Council Meeting. At our last district meeting, there was discussion about payment to Don's Electric. We have yet to see the district minutes and documentation for payment. Councilman King said he would follow up.

Sheldon King-I have the letter in my office.

Tracy Robinson-If you have the letter, give it to him. When it comes to district business we stay out of it.

VOCATIONAL REHAB UPDATE-WAYNE DAGEL

Wayne DageI-I'm the Director of Voc Rehab. We've been in the community about 10 years now. I came back last year and we were serving about 10-15 people. We are now serving 80 people. Allot of it is self-employment. We are working with NCTS to do on the job training, every day for one hour. We're trying to connect with the youth.

Merlin Sioux-Is there an age limit?

Wayne DageI-We can start the training at age 14, and we can start working with them at age 19.

Tracy Robinson-I like to see that you're improving your numbers. How many do you have in the GED program?

Wayne DageI-We've helped four complete that, and are helping roughly about 10 people.

Tracy Robinson-What is the age group that you've helped with that?

Wayne DageI-From ages 18-40's. We serve age's 18-retirement age. We want to balance out how we help people.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Do you help ex-convicts?

Wayne DageI-Yes, we help anyone with a disability, and in most cases, drug and alcohol addiction leads to incarceration.

President Fisher-What is the cultural component?

Wayne Dagle-The cultural component is what sets us apart from other Voc Rehabs. We can assist with ceremonies or help with a sweat used for healing. Anything that helps them to deal with their life.

Conrad Fisher-We have a very large number of amputees on our reservation. Do you have an outreach to those people?

Wayne DageI-We're getting a large number of applicants. The real issue is that our outreach was discontinued. We want to reach every individual. We get to see immediate impact on people. With the diabetes issue, this is a huge issue that we're facing.

President Fisher-Thank you for coming and giving us an update.

MONTANA STATE PRISON RE-ENTRY PROGRAM-VICE PRESIDENT RUSSELL

Vice President Russell-In the past several years, I've been working with the Montana State Prison. They started a re-entry program, and also helped prisoners in getting a job. Some of you read the newsletter from Board of Health. There's a letter in there from Collins Russell. There's a difference between State & Federal. I met with these people on the Native American inmates

in the prison. I invited them to explain the re-entry program. The other guest is Harlan Trombley, he is a Blackfeet Indian.

Tom Wilson-We're here to talk about the men that are incarcerated. Mike Batista has given me a goal to have the lowest recidivism in the nation. We have all the state re-entry coalitions forming. It's all over the state, Salish Kootenai have a re-entry program that they are forming.

Jim Pagels-We're going through a revolution of change within the re-entry system. I have given you some fact sheets. We are here to engage you in a conversation process. Individuals who have been involved. We want to send back the best of the best, a process that begins to change the inside. There's several things in here. It takes a lot of engagement on our part, that's where the community comes into play. He's looking for someone from our community to come in and help bring our culture to their heart. The respect is there, as part of your culture, but they have somehow walked away from that.

Merlin Sioux-How many do you have coming out?

Jim Pagels-We discharge 200 per month. There are a number of inmates in Montana State Prison that are Cheyenne.

Harlan Trombley-I do work for the Montana Bureau of Prisons. I work with Native American inmates. We have a Native American breakdown. We're close to 20% female and 32% male. It's hard to have an accurate number of Northern Cheyenne. Vice President Russell comes to the Montana State Prison. For them to come into our facilities, for the offenders, it's a very positive thing for them. I've gotten a lot of help from Northern Cheyenne.

President Fisher-What are you doing for the female prisoners?

Harlan Trombley-I go to Montana Women's Prisons at least once a month. At that facility, they have re-entry officers. The cultural part, they have a sweat lodge. They're in need of more cultural classes.

Conrad Fisher-We appreciate the Federal & State systems for having tribal representation. It looks like you put a lot of thought into the re-entry system. How can we successfully integrate drug users back into our communities? As Indian people, we have a similar pattern for success. This should be a statewide collaboration. If this is successful with one tribe, it could be successful with others. I think language learning and culture, most of them want to get back to their culture. Thank you for coming over.

Joe Fox-In 2012, we had Arnold Brady come in. He was working with Douglas Spotted Eagle, David Roundstone, and Mary Ann Ferris. They came in with a proposal to help with the transition. There were a lot of barriers with the cultural and social part of it. They were trying to work out a proposal to have something to help young men & women to get back into society and be responsible.

Jim Pagels-From departure from prison to transition, there's a large place for people to fall through the cracks. If we wait until people come back to the community, when he comes back, he's a known entity.

Amanda Whiteshirt-I agree with the program. I think the greatest step is to be preventative. I don't believe punitive damage is the answer.

Vice President Russell-Thank you all for coming down.

Jim Pagels-We would love to have a deeper professional relationship with this Council. We invite you to be a greater part of the re-entry process.

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 190-282.
 Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Conrad Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING-JANIS SPEAR

Tracy Robinson-What is the amount?

Winona Littlebird-The funding is from 2014 to present. Jennifer Crandall was the last accountant to do a draw.

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING AND ADMINISTER THE TRANSIT PROGRAM, FUNDED UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

PROGRAM, ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

10 votes Yes

0 votes No

0 Abstentions

Motion Carried

ZOONOTIC HEALTH-CONRAD FISHER

Tracy Robinson-On the last study, what did they find out?

Conrad Fisher-As far as a report, I haven't seen anything yet. Any reports would have gone to Cowboy's office. I'm sure Cowboy can follow up on it.

Joe Fox, Jr.-We've had numerous resolutions that we pass on research. We never see that data. It would be nice to see some of that. Maybe it goes back to the director.

Eloise Snow-These ladies came last year, and they did try to bring something.

Conrad Fisher-We need an office of policy studies.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAM TO BE SUBMITTED BY LINCOLN PARK ZOO ON BEHALF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE TO CONDUCT A ONE YEAR STUDY ON ZOONOTIC HEALTH RISK OF FREE ROAMING DOMESTIC DOGS AND HORSES ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION 2016-2017. Motion made by Conrad Fisher. Second by Tracy Robinson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

10 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Willie Rowland.

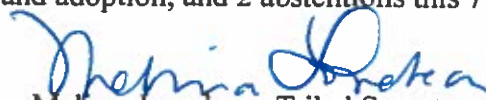
ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Tracy Robinson	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
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

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 12:15 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 abstentions this 7th day of December 2016.


 Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe