

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

**RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING  
FOLLOWING INAUGURATION CEREMONY  
CHARGING HORSE CASINO**

**MINUTES**

November 22, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Killsback called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Tom Rockroads

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>		X	Medical
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher, Vice President</b>	X		
<b>L. Jace Killsback, President</b>	X		

Quorum Established

**AGENDA ADDITION-QUORUM REQUIREMENT REDUCTION.** Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Ernest Littlemouth.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

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

**PROMULGATING AND SEATING DULY ELECTED OFFICERS**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROMULGATING AND SEATING THE DULY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE FOR THE 2016-2020 TERM OF OFFICE. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Sheldon King.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

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

**SERGEANT AT ARMS APPOINTMENT-WILLIE ROWLAND**

President Killback-Benji’s term is up in 2018.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING BENJI HEADSWIFT, LAME DEER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, AS THE SERGEANT AT ARMS FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL. Motion made by Willie Rowland. Second by Sheldon King.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

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

**MOTION MADE BY JOE FOX, JR. TO APPOINT SHELDON KING AS TEMPORARY SARGEANT AT ARMS FOR THIS MEETING ONLY. SECOND BY CONRAD FISHER. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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President Killsback-I asked that the Tribal Secretary and Tribal Treasurer appointments be put on the agenda today. I campaigned on transparency and accountability.

### **TRIBAL SECRETARY & TRIBAL TREASURER APPOINTMENT**

President Killsback-I met with you guys yesterday, I made by recommendation, Sharlene Evans. I did this, I campaigned about moving forward and accountability. It ties in action we're looking at. There's too much confusion with that. I am making that appointment and I'm asking this Council to secure Sharlene as the Tribal Secretary, and Krystal Hill as the Treasurer.

Merlin Sioux-I make a motion to table the Secretary & Treasurer appointments.

President Killsback-Why do you want to table that?

Melissa Lonebear-You want to publicly shame people, that's why I wanted to visit with these guys. You didn't give either one of us a chance to talk to them, to explain our sides to anything. You're talking about when you hurt someone, it hurts your nation. How many people have been terminated by this man here? How many people have lost their jobs?

President Killsback-Sergeant at Arms, Sergeant at Arms, we're keeping this issue. People want to say you're airing out dirty laundry here. Our people want to know what goes on in our Council Meetings. It's not right. I am willing and ready to put my position on the line to show the people what I feel is right. All I'm asking, there's two sides to every story. We had since April to hear that side of the story. I'm the newly elected President, and I'm asking for some accountability on those minutes. If we haven't gotten those minutes, I'm asking for this Council, to appoint a new Secretary to get us caught up, and get us in line with what those constitutional duties are for the Secretary.

Sheldon King-There's a motion on the floor.

President Killsback-We want to table the appointments? I'm fine with that. That's the choice of the Council. You have heard my recommendations and my issue on this. I'm not going to allow for personal attacks.

Debbie Charette-Taking the seat as Muddy District rep. As you say, we want to hear both sides of the story. I myself, as a new Councilperson, I have not heard her side of the story, and that's where we're coming from. As new Council people, we heard from you. We would like to hear from Melissa.

President Killsback-Can she explain then? She is a tribal official and should be able to explain to this Council and to the constituents here, why we don't have the minutes.

Debbie Charette-That's why we would like to have a discussion with our Council. I know everyone wants to hear, out of respect. Because of the service that she's given to the people. That's just my choice, my voice.

President Killsback-That's what I mean.

Debbie Charette-You asked for discussion, this is discussion.

President Killsback-I can respect that and I can respect the Council's decision to table this. I put it on the agenda for a specific reason.

Vice President Fisher-I'd like to share something about this. Every Councilman knows and understands what's going on with reference to these two appointments. It's become apparent that we all have to make hard decision. I've said it in my campaign. The issue with the minutes, we've been very patient. However, I make it know the position I take on this. We made a recommendation, I've talked to some of the other candidates. I agree we have to look at performance, we can't base decisions on emotion. We want change, we said we wanted change. I'm in agreement that we need to have a change.

**MOTION MADE BY MERLIN SIOUX TO TABLE THE SECRETARY & TREASURER APPOINTMENT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. SECOND BY SHELDON KING.  
ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**SIGNATORIES**

President Killsback-The reason for that motion was to replace the signatories. I do not want Melissa or Tami. I recommend Melissa Fisher and Lorna Sioux and to include these names in the motion.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL UPDATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS L. Jace Killsback-President, Conrad Fisher-Vice President, Kristi Harris-Staff Accountant, Lorna Sioux-Staff Accountant, Melissa Fisher-Lead Receptionist, William Walks Along-Tribal Administrator. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Sheldon King.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>			X
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstention</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**QUORUM REQUIREMENT REDUCTION**

President Killsback-This is done because there is a vacancy of tribal council, the Lame Deer District seat for Conrad Fisher.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL CONFIRMING THAT THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS IS TEMPORARILY SEVEN MEMBERS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

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


**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

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

**Adjourned at 12:48 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 1 abstention this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

  
 Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe