

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

**SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

October 28, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Gilbert Whitedirt

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<b>Sheldon King</b>		X	NCTS parade
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		Arr. 10:29 a.m.
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>		X	Travel-NCTHA
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		
<b>President Fisher</b>		X	Medcial

Quorum Established

**NCTBOH PRC REVISION-L. JACE KILLSBACK**

Jace Killsback-Good job at the debate last night. The students did good, had some good questions.

Jace Killsback.-We came in July to present a proposal to use IHS dollars to buy health insurance for tribal members. IHS doesn't want to limit us with that price. It may be more than one million dollars. We want to amend the previous resolution to remove the limitation. The last thing we did was make an extension. We extended to December 8th. We're asking for two changes to amend the previous resolution.

Tracy Robinson-Will every Northern Cheyenne be able to sign up or just tribal members on the reservation?

Jace Killsback-The criteria is called the CHISDA, remember the issue with Dana Brady. We weren't able to help him, it includes everything up to Yellowstone County. It goes clear to Ekalaka, it's a requirement for our PRC money, we can pay for Tribal members that fall in that area. The stipulation is they go through our IHS, they have to be referred. The whole process is

going to be streamlined, there will be health insurance now, they'll go right away. Recovery, and behavioral health. It's a good thing for us, the State, and the Federal Government. We're the third Tribe that's doing it. Two weeks ago, we met with Shakopee and we want to know if the \$250,000, we need clarification, and how do you receive us being a part of it.

Tracy Robinson-The Council needs to sit down with your board and yourself. We need to get moving on it, we need to spend the \$250K first so it doesn't hold up projects next Spring.

Jace Killsback-My Directors are movers and shakers and we need to get this done. There won't be a hold up on the Tribal Health side. The board wanted to build these facilities regardless, it's been sitting for 10 years.

Conrad Fisher-You should go ahead and keep moving forward. The question you bring up, this is going to have huge benefits in the long run. Bring that plan in and let's try to get it done as quick as we can. We don't know if Shakopee will do what they say. You know what you're doing and what needs to be done. Let's do it as early as next week.

Jace Killsback-We'll get together with them. Meeting will be on Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Conrad Fisher-The last thing we want to do is lose this. We have to act on this, get er done.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AMMENDING TRIBAL RESOLUTION NO. DOI-157 (2016) WHICH AUTHORIZES 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 Eloise Snow. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<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>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**BUDGETS-ELOISE SNOW**

Eloise Snow-This is the last time I'm doing this.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND-33D-138C. Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Merlin Sioux.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<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>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**RECESS FOR PF BOARD MEETING @ 11:22 A.M.**

**PERMANENT FUND BOARD MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<b>Sheldon King</b>		X	NCTS parade
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		Arr. 10:29 a.m.
<b>Tracy Robinson</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>		X	Travel-NCTHA
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	X		
<b>President Fisher-</b>		X	Medcial

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FIRST MODIFICATION OF PERMANENT FUND ALLOCATION FY (17). Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Benji Headswift.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<b>Eloise Snow</b>	X		

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF PERMANENT FUND BOARD MEETING.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Benji Headswift.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Sheldon King</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>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**ADJOURNED @ 11:24 A.M.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FIRST MODIFICATION OF PERMANENT FUND ALLOCATION FY (17).** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Conrad Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Sheldon King</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>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		

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

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

**MINUTES-TRIBAL SECRETARY**

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 7, 2016, MARCH 21, 2016, APRIL 4, 2016. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Oly McMakin. OLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Sheldon King</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>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**FISH & WILDLIFE CODE-TRACY ROBINSON**

Joe Fox, Jr.-When was the last time they met with the Council on this? When was the last time they did a wildlife count?

**MOTION MADE BY ELOISE SNOW TO TABLE THE FISH & WILDLIFE CODE. SECOND BY ERNEST LITTLEMOUTH. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Sheldon King</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>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**HEADSTART POLICY COUNCIL & LIAISONS-BENJI HEADSWIFT**

Benji Headswift-I wasn't informed that I was introducing this resolution. I just visited with Sheldon and the one he needs passed, is the changes they needed two years ago.

Conrad Fisher-Headstart is not here to present this.

Eloise Snow-Sheldon & I went to this meeting, you guys were in Land Authority. We told them that we would see that this gets done, the people from D.C.

Benji Headswift-They know when they have deadlines but they fail to get things in until we're in crisis mode.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE ERSEA/ENROLLMENT PLAN, PERSONNEL POLICY ADDENDUMS AND STANDARD OF CONDUCT, FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEADSTART PROGRAM.** Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Eloise Snow.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Sheldon King</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>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**PROTEM JUDGE APPOINTMENTS-TRACY ROBINSON**

Conrad Fisher-These judges that are Pro Tem, need to be told that these are time sensitive matters. That's the last thing we want is another court case. Even if they rule against, she may pursue that further.

Ernest Littlemouth-Who recommended these judges?

Tracy Robinson-Brian did.

Melissa Lonebear-They have been judges here before.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRO-TEM JUDGES.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Benji Headswift.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<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>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**5 (97) AMENDMENT-TRACY ROBINSON**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING 5(97) SYSTEM OF OPERATION REGARDING VACATION LEAVE PAYOUT.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Benji Headswift.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<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>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**BIA FUNDING-PROBATION-MEREDITH MCCONNELL**

Conrad Fisher-What does that mean, probation?

Tracy Robinson-Right now we have no probation officers.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO THE (B.I.A.) BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

**FOR FUNDING FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS CONTINUE PROBATION SERVICES TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<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>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

\*Returned from BIA with no action taken.

**TRIBAL CREDIT SIGNATORIES-TRACY ROBINSON**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DESIGNATING LLEVANDO FISHER AND LORANZY MCMAKIN AS OFFICIAL SIGNATORY AUTHORITIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE AND RESCINDING PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Oly McMakin.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<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>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	X		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**TRIBAL CREDIT SIGNATORIES-TRACY ROBINSON**



Tracy Robinson-We had a meeting and they agreed, to be signatories. There will be reimbursements made and after this is all done, they sunset it. They took action and there will be follow up with the BIA and Tribal Council and dissolving it. It will be sent to BIA that there won't be anything else up there.

Conrad Fisher-I need to understand. What are we doing?

Tracy Robinson-The way credit was established, it was a standalone committee. They had staff down there, the Tribe made the payroll for that staff. In turn, credit would reimburse the Tribe. I told them they needed to start doing something. The staff pay was eating all the money up. The committee was spending the money, upgrading. All I did was Preside over the meetings and make recommendations. I came back to the Council and said that they were running out of money. That's one of the reasons the Bureau gave it up. They gave out small loans, you had to have an IIM account or you had to be a tribal employee to get small loans. The previous Director, before Georgiann, didn't do the right paperwork.

Conrad Fisher-I think this conversation we're having, should be recorded.

Ernest Littlemouth-I think the President should be here before this is passed.

**ERNEST LITTLEMOUTH MADE A MOTION TO TABLE. NO SECOND. MOTION DIED.**

Vice President Russell-I was talking to Georgiann, and before she started working, she wanted to get this started again, she said there was nothing wrong with it.

Tracy Robinson-Cowboy even brought OIG in here and did an investigated. All the money went out into salaries, software, and accountant.

Vice President Russell-I recommend that we wait until Cowboy is here.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DESIGNATING LLEVANDO FISHER AND LORANZY MCMAKIN AS OFFICIAL SIGNATORY AUTHORITIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE AND RESCINDING PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Oly McMakin.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Sheldon King</b>			
<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>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	X		

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

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

Joe Fox, Jr.-I want to add a little more, about Tracy. I got to do two terms with him on the Council. He's always been positive in everything that we tried to do. Eloise, I commend her for her work in the last two years, and being really faithful and handled everything in good will. With her experience and diligence, she's going to do well. Also Winfield, you served faithfully and commend you for being a voice for the Tribe. Merlin, Tracy and Ernest, I wish you the best in the election. It's been an honor for me to serve with you guys. I served with a lot of Council. Same to you, whatever happens, this Council-you guys got a lot of things done.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Eloise Snow.


**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Sheldon King</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>Tracy Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>			
<b>Oly McMakin</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>			

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

**Adjourned at 12:16 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

  
 Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe