

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

**REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

October 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

INVOCATION: Sheldon King

ROLL CALL:

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

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benji Headswift-Tribal Chair should consider abolishing Columbus Day and making it Indigenous People Day.

MOTION MADE BY ERNEST LITTLEMOUTH TO APPOINT SHELDON KING AS TEMPORARY SERGEANT AT ARMS. 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			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		

Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			

7 votes Yes	1 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISTRICT UPDATE-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Dana Eaglefeathers-The building is finally at the completion stage. I was shooting for the Grand Opening on Wednesday, there is a campaign feed, we'll probably push for Friday. The plumber was there. Appliances are there, so we'll have a mini Laundromat for our community. When that accident occurred where the two babies were taken back home, some of the officers and community members wanted to help those families. We provided a meal for the families, for the funeral. We did that out of compassion. Apparently one of the subcommittee members volunteered to get the food and cook the food for the families. I had a message that one of the Council members said that one individual was paid \$800 for cooking for the community center.

President Fisher-Did the funding come out of the district funds?

Dana Eaglefeathers-It came out of the community center fund. What was done, was the lunches were paid for. We added a little extra on there to get a meal for the families that lost their kids. Nobody was paid for that, it was all food.

Sheldon King-Just to note, we never had a discussion about it. If the district wants to use it, they can use it however they want.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I just wanted to clarify that I did not get paid for working on the building. I got a mileage reimbursement, and I spent like 5x the amount. I was up there all the time, the only payment I received was a mileage reimbursement.

Sheldon King-What you're going through right there, it's the same thing that happens with the Council. It's the gossip and here say what you're going through.

William Rowland-It's all good and well, what you did for the kids, but it was insurance money for the building.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I asked those questions, they said as long as it's spent on food, its ok. Some of the community members were already using the building for handgames. As far as right now, the use of the building will be free to the community members. They haven't established a fee for non-community members.

Ernest Littlemouth-Who do we get ahold of to use it?

Dana Eaglefeathers-One of the subcommittee members.

President Fisher-What you did was good, but, that money was budgeted for the building.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The thing I've been dealing with, as long as I've been Chair, is with the Ad Hoc. The bullying and everything that's going on. I actually have some paperwork. There's no concern for kids there, the kids are the last on the totem pole. There was an incident that happened there, the staff was forewarned about it. The school right now, is really top heavy. I've asked for a copy of the budget, I still haven't been able to review the budget. All in all, this is proof that there's no concern for the kids up there. I would pray that the Council do an emergency election for the school board.

Sheldon King-I agree with him, the finances are going to be up there. Dealing in the past with the Ad Hoc, have it taken back three times. Why can't you monitor a little bit beforehand. I do want it to go back to the people. He also emphasized that there's nothing up there for the youth, I spent the night with kids at the gym. It's there and it's a start for the youth. He mentioned pay, my wife is a teacher, it's a very competitive wage. If she wants to go somewhere else she could, but she loves Busby School. We don't have retirement, we don't have medical. If we do get that, we could be competitive. They only work 9 months out of the year. The school board is coming back to the people.

President Fisher-Friday, I met with Brian Chestnut, I want to have an election to give the school board back to the people. I said I want this resolution for myself, I want to give it back to the people.

Sheldon King-Let's put it in there that the people that are on the school board donate their time. We don't get paid and we don't travel on that money up there.

Conrad Fisher-Let's get back to the update, i know you have concerns with the Ad Hoc. We're kind of getting off track.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Let's set some deadlines, I've been hearing it's almost there for months.

Conrad Fisher-Aside from that, there will be a transition period. I think it would be fair to say, so that we all know, if you could let us know what you were thinking in terms of transition.

Eloise Snow-Our finances are back at the school, starting today. That's a step, we're making progress. When I was first elected, that was my campaign platform, to turn it back to the people. For five or six years, there was no audits. There was money that had to be paid back. We want things to happen overnight, but it doesn't happen that way. Accounts receivable is out there, but payroll will still be done here. The policies are completed, that's the process that needs to be completed. Before December is my projected date.

Sheldon King-It doesn't just happen overnight. They are making strides, it's going to happen.

Conrad Fisher-In response, it gives you a window if that is what's going to occur.

President Fisher-According to the Plan of Operations, it says that it's going to be appointed. We need to change that, so it's elected.

Eloise Snow-One of the things I think, if you have a passion for it, you should volunteer.

Dana Eaglefeathers-That's a good start, you can't say that you don't get paid for it, because it's during working hours.

Sheldon King-The last two meetings, we started at 5 and ended at 9.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I'd like to ask the Council if they have any opinions, requests, or suggestions for the grand opening for the building. A former Council member said that the building already had a name. When we do have our grand opening, I'd like to invite the Council, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We already decided that we are giving an extra incentive to one of the community members up there. The officers and subcommittee members agreed on it. We're going to give Willie Sequi an incentive, he was in an accident and lost his arm. He cut every piece of lumber with one arm.

ENROLLMENT-WALLACE BEARCHUM

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR SEVEN (7) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. Motion made by Sheldon King. 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			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF THIRTY-THREE (33) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Motion made by Sheldon King. 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			

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING A CORRECTION FOR ONE (1) TRIBAL MEMBER ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL. Motion made by Sheldon King. 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			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR TWO (2) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL. Motion made by Sheldon King. 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			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. Motion made by Sheldon King. 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			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

Conrad Fisher-Just for your information, Alayna Brooks Spang, has been very controversial. She was enrolled in another tribe before she was enrolled here. The natural father and mother had done the enrolling. It was the opinion of the enrollment committee to dis-enroll her. She was already

enrolled in another Tribe. Having to amend the enrollment ordinance, is going to require funding for it. Just for your information, we support the proposal by our enrollment staff.

BIA SUPEINTENDENT UPDATE-NOT PRESENT

IHS UPDATE-NOT PRESENT

ELECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-PRESIDENT FISHER

President Fisher-When we were going to select judges, we only had three people, one was disqualified because she had a pending case. Now there's people that want to run as write-ins for judge.

Sheldon King-We had one that was disqualified, can we put in there stipulations for a criminal, maybe we should define some of that for these people that are going to run. But make sure it's not criminal. Some people could get disqualified for adoption.

ORDINANCE AMENDING REVISED ELECTION ORDINANCE-

In the event a candidate wins a Trial Judge position by write-in votes in a general election, that individual may not serve as Trial Judge unless the Tribal President certifies and the Voters Committee determines that the individual meets the qualifications to serve as Trial Judge in the manner set forth in Section 1A-8-1 of the Separation of Powers Ordinance and Section 7.b of the Election Ordinance.

The Tribal President and Voters Committee shall determine such candidate's qualifications as soon as possible, but in no event later than 10 days after the Election Certification Date.

In the event the candidate is determined by the President or the Voters Committee to be not qualified, the next vote-getter for the position of Trial Judge who has been determined to be qualified shall serve as Trial Judge.

Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Benji Headswift.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN-MERLIN SIOUX

Merlin Sioux-In that plan, inside of there, there's name changes, MOU's. Basically who's who in a disaster as a player.

Eloise Snow-In your plan, in an emergency, are the volunteers, are they points of contact?

Merlin Sioux-It's all in there.

Melissa Lonebear-Is there a phone tree?

Benji Headswift-It would be nice to all get a copy of it. We've done this before, where we pass something, and it comes back where we need to review it.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. Motion made by Willie Rowland. 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			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		
Vice President Russell			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

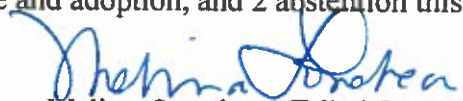
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Tracy Robinson			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Oly McMakin	X		
Conrad Fisher	X		

Vice President Russell			
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8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Adjourned at 2:26 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