

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

**SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

September 29, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

INVOCATION: Eloise Snow

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Sheldon King	X		
Eloise Snow	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		Arr 10:46 a.m.
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	Medical
President Fisher	X		

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Fox, Jr.-There is a good story in the Gazette this morning about a young girl in Polson. Senator Daines did that Bill in honor of Hannah Harris. This young girl is a senior up there, she makes a dress every day, she's doing it in honor of women that have suffered from domestic violence. She's going to do it until she graduates from high school. That's very courageous. In some way or form, we can write a letter and all sign it to commend her for her efforts.

Willie Rowland-The deal to go to Standing Rock, I have a buffalo that's being processed today, I'm planning on going down the 4th and 5th. It would be good for the whole Council to go down there to show some support.

President Fisher-THPO did send some people down there, they sent 14. They used Sarpy Transportation to haul them down there to protest. Transportation sent some kids. We are helping down there, the Council passed a resolution supporting them.

Willie Rowland-We all eed to go down there to show some support.

BUDGETS-ELOISE SNOW

Sheldon King-Before we start, I would like to ask Jace a few questions. The reason it was stopped was because it was going to phase out one position. Somehow, I got word that it was included in there. There's some sneaky shits in here. Excuse my language. Where is she going to go, what position? We're messing with people's lives here. She received a perfect job evaluation. Why would we phase her out with a good job evaluation?

Conrad Fisher-Can I ask, if this is a personnel issue, shall we discuss behind closed doors?

EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 10:55 a.m.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 11:21 a.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 726-210. Motion made by Eloise Snow. Second by Merlin Sioux.

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	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

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 40-345. 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.	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

Sheldon King-Noted that the discussion we had and everything taken care of, I vote yes.

ATTORNEY CONTRACT-TRACY ROBINSON

Tracy Robinson-There was an RFP that went out, two applied. Ziontz Chesnut came in cheapest.

APPROVAL CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH ZIONTZ CHESTNUT LAW FIRM.

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	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

COMPTROLLER CONTRACT-TRIBAL TREASURER

Tracy Robinson-This is for the comptroller, there was an RFP put out. The only proposal that came in was with the current comptroller.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING AND COMPTROLLER SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Willie Rowland.

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	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

THPO BIA FUNDING

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND SUPPORTING APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDING TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FROM THE DOI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT TRIBAL CULTURAL SURVEYS REGARDING TRIBAL FORESTRY RELATED PROJECTS. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

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	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

DEPNR BIA FUNDING-CHARLENE ALDEN

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO TRIBAL STAFF REGARDING P.L. 93-638 AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. 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	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

TRANSPORTATION-JANIS KING

Janis Spear-I have two resolutions. One is to retain Sonosky and Chambers.

Tracy Robinson-I visited with everyone on that, when it comes to tribal transportation matters, he's very on top of it. BIA solicitors don't like to see him come into meetings, he's good to have and it's something that we need. As soon as we get this, Jim will come out and work with us on our transition. He does know the law.

President Fisher-Is there a cap?

Tracy Robinson-It's included in the contract.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE TO RETAIN SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP, A NATIONAL TRIBAL RIGHTS LAW FIRM TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE IN THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FIELD. Motion made by Tracy Robinson. Second by Merlin Sioux.

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

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***Resolution disapproved by BIA**

TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART-JANIS SPEAR

Janis Spear-This is the organizational chart, there's two on the far right. We get separate funding for each program.

Tracy Robinson-This is part of moving over to Federal Highway, this will be in the packet that will go to them. We're getting closer. When I talked to the federal people, they were surprised that we have as much as we have, in order. It should be a fairly quick and easy transition.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM. 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	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

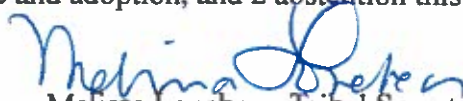
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Tracy Robinson.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Adjourned at 11:34 a.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