

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

RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

February 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President Killsback called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

INVOCATION: Vice President Fisher

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.		X	Ar 11:01 a.m.
Joe Fox, Jr.		X	Medical
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers		X	
Willie Rowland	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Conrad Fisher, Vice President	X		
L. Jace Killsback, President	X		

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Killsback-It looks like there's some communication issues. Is there a way we can improve this? This is a very hefty agenda because of the past few months. There's information that we all get for better discussion and better business. I look to the Sergeant at Arms for direction.

Sheldon King-You're bringing those up, this time of the year, people are sick. The scheduling part, if someone is down, someone is sick, but the scheduling. The deaths in our communities is big. Each and every one of us are affected by it. We're not trying to not have a meeting. I went to Ashland, straight over and straight back.

Benji Headswift-I've been trying to get as much people as I can in an agenda meeting. Ad Hoc has been a huge priority. The circumstances we're talking about, my wife landed in the hospital last week.

President Killsback-I don't want to be insensitive to any of that. The point is, if the process needs to be changed. In the past, we used to sign the agenda requests.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I'm still going to request and ask that we hold our meetings in the evenings so our people can be involved a lot more. We had our elder sitting over here since 10 o'clock this morning. It would take care a lot of this bickering. That way a lot more people could attend our meetings and have a lot more say. Our tribal members are the ones that run this tribe, we're supposed to do what they want. I recommend that we have evening meetings at 5:30.

President Killsback-I'll leave that up to the body here. Before we get into the agenda, I request that I move my items up to after Mr. Turley. If we could move my items up and then transportation.

Benji Headswift-Just as a formality? Are we going to put your items on the top at every Council meeting? The past three Council meetings you requested this.

Sheldon King-Let's just go down the line.

Benji Headswift-I agree with Sheldon.

President Killsback-So you have a process on how you set your agenda. If that's the standard, I need to see your policy on how you do your agenda, protocols. I would like to see a process of your agenda.

MOTION MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT FISHER TO MOVE THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR PRESIDENT KILLSBACK TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA. SECOND BY ERNEST LITTLEMOUTH.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3 votes Yes 5 votes No 0 Abstention Motion Failed

ELDERLY UPDATE-ROBERTA BIGBACK

Roberta Bigback-The Elderly program, we just had our Super bowl party. Sherry from Utilities brought a bunch of stuff. We're ending our FY, we have not received our new grant yet. As of March 31st we will not have any money until this is passed. We're still having an issue with Security. I went in this morning, we're missing a whole case of Commodity Cheese that we give the elders. I went back to the program, we're missing our tortillas. We don't handle security housing does.

President Killsback-Obviously, the housing reps can take it back to Housing. Give us a copy of your report and we'll give it to the board. There has to be some understanding on that.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I have been communicating with the Housing Commission, I wish it was here. There was a couple of concerns that were raised. One was our elderly commission isn't getting compensated for their meetings. There's been several issues there going on with the complex, every one of us campaigned on taking care of our elders. Let's step up and help our elderly program. We only talk about elders when it benefits us.

Sheldon King-We always helped our elders, we put them first all the time. We don't just forget about them. I make my trips down there and Merlin makes trips down there. Maybe we should plan a day to go down there and eat with our elders and feed our elders. Any other reservation put them on their highest platform. The main thing we should be looking for is how to get their budget fixed.

Vice President Fisher-Maybe we don't have the funding right now, there's venue, a conduit a place where elders can go talk about. Certainly, it's a start to empower the elderly commission to bring forth the issues. We look forward to working for the elderly commission.

Willie Rowland-When I was at Housing, they issued keys to certain people. I'll follow up on that today.

Roberta Bigback-I'm the only one of my staff that has a key.

Bilford Curley-I'm an elder. We need to ensure the programs, we need to step up. There's a lot of things that you guys campaign on. Elders have a strong voice, I wish you would listen to them. They need compensation for their meetings. There's elders in each of these districts that need help. They can't hear, they can't see. You need to brainstorm this and start helping the elders.

Elsie Wick-I'm here to talk about the Cheyenne language, I would like to see their names on the desk and call each other by their Cheyenne name. I think it would motivate these young people to learn. When I was teaching at Busby, I spoke to the kids in Cheyenne all the time. They're not any Cheyenne speaking teachers anymore. We sit here and don't realize how important we are. We need to live up to our way, we need to learn Cheyenne. Next time I come here, I want to see Cheyenne names.

President Killsback-Just an update on that, I met with Tami. Because the general fund carried the elderly and TERO Commission, those are going back. Tomorrow I'm sitting down with Central Finance to discuss those items.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I understand that there's two commissioners that are offended by not getting paid and threatening to quit.

President Killsback-I think we can pay them. That's one thing we're trying to do.

DISTRICT UPDATE-LEONARD ELKSHOULDER, JR.

Lenny Elkshouder-We need to have a meeting, I've been putting it off since January. My building needs a heater. I don't know what the trend is but it's not good. We had a prayer service here and it's not working. I still have two sets of minutes that need to be approved. I donated \$500 to Little Eagle Head start so I could get gowns. The legislative and executive branch, every meeting, you guys are fighting like cats and dogs. I'm not liking the trend that happened with this. With that said, I'm going to have a meeting because there's things we need to talk about. I'm glad that things are still moving forward.

Sheldon King-235 BTU's on both ends are \$800 apiece.

Lenny Elkshouder-The budget is \$3300, because I have \$500 going to the kids.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Has it been official, I did bring it up, and the Chair and Vice Chair want to probably present a resolution to start an ethics committee. They say we have a part in the Constitution about ethics. The question is, who enforces it? It hasn't been enforced or followed. Just to let you know, I did bring it up to the Council. That's just information for you.

Lenny Elkshouder-That's good, the people want you to hold yourselves accountable. It's when you go, "how come you did that?" You say that amongst each other. It's only fair to the people that got you in. Maybe there's situations that arise as a group. When you get in here, you all have a job to do. Some of you say "I ran for the people", you have to do as you say, not as you do. These people came to me with an issue, I have the people behind me. I think the ethics committee is a good idea, I think the people would have an avenue to say, the people are wrong. We're not trying to cause an avalanche on anybody. Nobody is going to hold you accountable. When we started talking about it, it was the past administration where nothing was done. Push it and see how far it goes. Stuff that you say and do, this is a good thing. You guys have to abide by your constitution and your rules.

President Killsback-If we do have a third party body to look at an ethics commission, the Council has the power to hold the President's office accountable. There has to be a level of accountability.

YOUTH WORKCAMP PRESENTATION-BOB TURLEY

Michelene Bearcomesout-I introduce myself wherever I go with my Indian name. I took the Cheyenne language class, if you don't do it every day, you forget. This is my 9th camp that I've run. It's a good program. Last year, they come here and volunteer. We have money to Birney for the feeding program. The food they brought, half went to the elderly and half to Birney.

Bob Turley-I'm here today to give a quick report. This past summer, we had 381 volunteers. President Killsback asked that I provide an economic report. I would like to formally request for a resolution to have us back in 2019.

Sheldon King-We'll look into it and we'll come back in a couple weeks.

Michelene Bearcomesout-I submitted a request to BIA.

Bob Turley-I want to thank the people here. We take back the understanding, empathy, and culture of your people. You give us more than we give you.

Vice President Fisher-I'd like to have my house painted with a nice picket fence while I drink my iced tea.

Bilford Curley-I want to thank you, in public. With the help of Robin Busherman with paperwork, the youth who came through and did the demolition. I wanted to thank Red Feather, I would like more homes to be remodeled. I did the work, I had to push the pen. Instead of complaining. I always stress to work together. Sometimes we get so fed up, on the top of our heads. You forget about the people. It took 7 weeks to remodel the house. I got help from HIP and USDA. Don't think up here, and keep it down here.

GRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECT-SHANNY SPANG-GION

PowerPoint Presentation given.

Shanny Spang-Gion-I applied and was accepted to MT Tech. My primary advisor is Dr. Glenn Shaw. I'm not only accountable to the human beings in my life but also to the natural resource. I want to assure that I'm doing this right, and to be accountable. Practice doesn't always translate well. I mentioned before there's a potential development for Northern Cheyenne research.

Sheldon King-Thank you for all the hard work that you do. I got to do work under you as a water tech. I've learned a lot from you too.

Vice President Fisher-Did you say that he's the one that was hindering your research?

President Killsback-That was going to be my comments with your work. There is a new research method being celebrated. I'm glad you're reaching out to the culture commission. We as a tribe, we haven't even identified officially that standard for the government.

Bilford Curley-I want to keep encouraging you to keep on with your education. We need hydrologists. Those are the things we need to look into. You set an example for younger kids.

WATER RIGHTS ATTORNEY FEES-SHANNY SPANG GION

Shanny Spang-Gion-We're going through water right litigation. There's language that says we're going to be subject. We're trying to protect the Tribe's water rights as they are now. Jeannie Whiteing has been our attorney for water rights for over 30 years.

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A REQUEST TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND LITIGATION SUPPORT FOR WATER RIGHTS MATTERS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Willie Rowland.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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PTAC SERVICES-NADC-CHARELLE BEATTY

Charelle Beatty-I want to talk about my program and the services that we provide for this reservation. I grew up here in Kirby and I now live in the Ashland District.

PowerPoint Presentation

Charelle Beatty-We are one of six native PTA’s nationwide. We are specific to Native Owned businesses.

Sheldon King- We are doing the community gardens, we were unable to hit all the districts.

ENROLLMENT-WALLACE BEARCHUM

Joetta Yellowrobe-Wallace is out sick today.

President Killsback-There is something we discussed regarding looking at our adoptions. It’s good for the Council to consider some of those issues. It was my choice not to vote for some adoptions. When you’re talking a blood quantum down to 512. I think that’s discussion we can have when we get there.

President Killsback exits @ 1:23 p.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF TEN (10) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		

Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers			
Willie Rowland	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher	X		

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 FORTY-SEVEN (47) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Benji Headswift.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6 votes Yes 2 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Conrad Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers			

Willie Rowland	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher	X		

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING DATE OF BIRTH CHANGES FOR ONE (1) TRIBAL MEMBER ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Benji Headswift.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF THIRTEEN (13) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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 SIX (6) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON

THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL. Motion made by Merlin Sioux.
 Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

BUDGETS-DEBBIE CHARETTE

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 197-605. Motion made by Debbie Charette. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

MINUTES-TRIBAL SECRETARY

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-JANUARY 23, 2017. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette			X
Sheldon King	X		

Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers			
Willie Rowland	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher-PRESIDING			

6 votes Yes 0 votes No 1 Abstention Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 6, 2017. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

6 votes Yes 0 votes No 1 Abstention Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-JANUARY 5, 2017. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5 votes Yes 0 votes No 2 Abstentions Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION ATTORNEY CONTRACT-TRACY ROBINSON

Janis Spear-We had a lot of issues come up from BIA to amend, and then they can't lobby and there's a cap of \$35,000. This resolution is amending and addressing those issues that the BIA had.

President Killsback enters the meeting@ 1:35 p.m.

Vice President Fisher-Was that addressed in this resolution? The attorneys were all in good standing and who the supervising attorney is. I want to make sure we don't have any issues with BIA.

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP, TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE TRIBE IN THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FIELD. Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Sheldon King. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM COORDINATING COMM. APPOINTMENT-TRACY ROBINSON

Janis Spear-Tracy sat on this with John Smith, John is no longer with us. This resolution needs to go to RMTLC.

President Killsback-There still the screening process for this positions and this is just to meet that appointment. It doesn't lock and guarantee he's going to get the job. I gave him my blessing on this appointment. I ask that you concur with that.

Janis Spear- I know that there has been an issue in the community regarding 212, so what I did was put a report together there has been 3 speed studies done, would like to just let you know that we have been working with MDOT

President Killsback-This is good information can you please email it to me, This is report is in response to the accidents that have happened on 212, visited with Jason Small last week in

Helena he jumped the gun a little bit and I told him that he needs to correspond with my office and Tracy Robinson of Transportation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE TRIBE’S PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DOT, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION’S TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM COORDINATING COMMITTEE BY DELEGATING TRACY ROBINSON AS COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR FY 2017-2020. Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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EIS DAKOTA ACCESS-EASEMENT TO CROSS LAKE OAHE-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

President Killsback-It’s a way for us to respond to Trumps Executive Order. We ask that these be submitted as comments and discussing the risk of disturbing any historical sites. I issued out a letter again to support Chairman Archambault. On the legal side, us providing official comments.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL FORMALLY SUBMITS THESE COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC’S REQUEST FOR AN EASMENT TO CROSS LAKE OAHE (DOCUMENT CITATION: 82 FR 5543, PAGE 5543-5544; DOCUMENT NUMBER; 2017-00937; DOCKET NUMBER: USA 2017- HQ – 0003). Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King			ABSENT
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Benji Headswift	X		

Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers			
Willie Rowland	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher	X		

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ATTORNEY CONTRACT-ROSETTE LAW FIRM-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

Vice President Fisher-What this is really about is when we had a meeting. December 12th, a number of things were discussed at that time. A wholly owned tribal company. Many of the Tribal Council weren't there. We also talked about the Tribe's priorities to make recommendations to pursue the Tribe's goals and identify long term goals. Such as broad band development. I know this Council is really active and all agree, we talk about the number of economic development projects, we should move forward. Improve gaming and savings under the existing compact. Also our comptroller was also in attendance. What you have in front of you is the terms of engagement. It shows what they would like to see as far as engagement. We'd like to know what your thoughts are.

Benji Headswift-I personally agree with it. The capacity needs to be created. I for one, am for it. We talked about this agreement. When we get to step three, I'm trying to come up with a realistic budget if in fact we do develop. Stepping into an agreement with no hours and no cap, doesn't sit well with me right now. I'm not sure if we'd be able to afford them. There are a lot of needs on the reservation, ultimately it will take us forward. If we can bring up something really quick to bring capital.

Conrad Fisher-I think it would be up to the Council on this particular law firm. The primary issue is we do have someone that wants to move forward. We have so many projects that we want to do in such a short time. I know that one is the casino at Tongue River. I think it was a real positive meeting that we had last month.

President Killsback-I had to disclose, this is my brother's law firm. That's why I had Conrad take the leadership on that. Until I get something back from TERO on whether they have an appeals process or not. We were able to look at finding resources now.

Debbie Charette-Looking at it, it has to have a beginning date and end date, and there is no cap.

Sheldon King-You mentioned the Tongue River casino part, I talked to Brian Chestnut, and we still have out attorney that's also looking at the best interest of this tribe. We still have Brian on board to look for those economic developments to the Tribe.

Vice President Fisher-Brian is doing his best to accommodate the best interests of the Tribe. Brian is doing some of this stuff, with a law firm like this, they would be focused on developing a long term economic.

President Killsback-The department of labor report, they took that data from the previous year. Essentially we're not doing economic development. There has to be a way to seek income. I don't know how much more I can emphasize it. What is it that we've actually done? We had a strategic planning meeting for economic development. And the possible reduction in AUM's and we're looking at things going out of business, It's putting us in a tough bind with our grass. We're in need of that revenue as a Tribe. Like the Boys & Girls Club, looking at other programs. It's began to put a burden on the Tribe. I'd ask that considering, that if there's issue with the term. If there's issues with a cap, I've already raised those issues.

Sheldon King-I think we should table it until we can negotiate this. You talked about the Boys & Girls Club. I make a motion to table until we are all in agreement.

Vice President Fisher-We all agree in economic development. Your point is well taken. If we can agree that this is something agreeable.

President Killsback-There has to be some economic development. Don't look at this as "he's Jace's brother". I want that scrutiny, so that we are open about it. A lot of these topics, came from our meeting with Rob and Dion. We together can find this resource and get it done. Yeah, he's my brother, but he's a tribal member. We have to give that same support. He said I'm not soliciting I really want to help my people. And not be afraid to take a step forward. You have been here two years in a gap and we haven't remotely set a long term economic development project. We are 75% operating on cigarette and gas tax.

Ernest Littlemouth-I think we need to move forward, we need jobs instead of just talking about it all the time. We really do need something because our people are hurting.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I agree with Ernest. We need to move forward. as far as economic development. When we went down to meet with them. When we went to E-commerce. There's a lot of little Tribes that are becoming successful. There's a lot of Tribes that are more pitiful than us. I sat down with multiple attorneys at Rosette Law Firm. I think getting an office in Montana would be a huge step for our Tribe. Everybody keeps talking about Tribe, instead of sitting around talking about economic development.

Sheldon King-I was not trying to stop the economic development. I was trying to follow the process-procurement. I wanted to make sure everything was covered.

Debbie Charette-And just to not have it kicked back.

President Killsback-This is tribal resources too. That's also in the procurement policy.

Willie Rowland-I think we need to have a working session and we need to have it soon.

President Killsback-I ask that we schedule a working session today. Maybe you guys can schedule this.

Sheldon King-Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY SHELDON KING TO TABLE THE ROSETTE LAW FIRM CONTRACT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. NO SECOND-MOTION DIED.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE ATTORNEY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ROSETTE LLP LAW FIRM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. Motion made by Conrad Fisher. Second by Ernest Littlemouth.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3 votes Yes	4 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Failed
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ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE UPDATE-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Dana Eaglefeathers-You all heard earlier, our enrollment has been wide open as far as adoptions. The ordinances weren't legally passed. Our enrollment has almost tripled. It has taken from all us grass roots Indians that live here on the reservation. I'm not trying to take away from our enrollment policies need to be updated. What it boils down to be us poor people, we're basically losing out. We're taking from the individual people that actually live here on the reservation. This actually came from one of the tribal members in Busby District. To put an enrollment freeze until enrollment can update our enrollment policies.

Sheldon King-There's tribal members here that are with other Native Americans from other reservations. Taking actions like this without a working session with Wallace. We need to sit down with Wallace and do some research on this.

Lenny Elkshoulder-There's people that are adopted into this tribe that have no Cheyenne at all. I'm going to look into this. That's what bothers me. We have Cheyenne kids that are being denied because they failed one time. My issue here is that we're going to be Cherokee one day. We keep on doing this, we're going to cease to exist as a tribe. I know this is about enrollment but I don't know if a freeze will do anything. It's going to cause a lot of animosity. If we continue to enroll people we take money out of people pockets. It's a bloodline thing, we're losing it. We're going to cease to exist one day. If that's the direction we're taking, let's do it. It's my opinion. That's the direction we're headed.

Sheldon King-We're not against it, to come throw a resolution right now, takes better research.

Curtis Elkshouder, Sr.-I do agree that there should be some kind of stricter enrollment process. There's some that dis-enroll from our Tribe on their own. If there is a per capita, they find a way to get back on board. That's my belief that Tribes are robbing their own tribe. That is something that should be taken into consideration.

Lenny Elkshouder-I'm talking about the people that don't live here. That's what I'm talking about. I'm not racist. I don't want to be looked at like that. If you're going to take advantage of our resource come home.

Sheldon King-Me, Conrad, and Joe did address this problem. We passed it in enrollment that we wanted this addressed. It was passed to get them updated. We didn't just sit on it.

President Killsback-There's three ways to get on the rolls. Those are the only stipulations while enrollment rules are established. That is very troubling to see their numbers. I'll leave that to Dana if he chooses to ask for action on this item.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I wasn't trying to completely cut it off.

Vice President Fisher-In the past, if you look at the legislative history of enrollment. It's gone many different ways. As Councilman Eaglefeathers has stated. Somewhere, some of the process that's involved some of the process involving enrollment was not followed. Let's not keep talking about it. Let's have enrollment look at it. My understanding is they have the \$18,000 now. I think ultimately, the people need to look at a template or draft that they can review. This is part of that process. Just temporarily halting this.

Sheldon King-If there's \$18,000, let's do a timeline. I would ask when you schedule it, invite your comrades.

Willie Rowland-This came up before. Jason Fisher, Wallace, and Joetta wanted to contract that deal. For them getting paid from here, it would be considered double dipping.

Vice President Fisher-They had a good frame work to use. They wanted to take time to go somewhere off of their regular work schedule. To maybe subcontract a company here. We tried to put it on the council schedule.

Sheldon King-Actually they were going to Deadwood.

Benji Headswift-If this does pass, the date has to be tomorrow, if this does pass today. Everything that was passed today is void.

President Killsback-I'm asking the presenter if there's action on this.

Benji Headswift-I do have nieces and nephews that will be excluded out from IHS for this. You have tribal membership that go off the reservation that get established out there. It's a tough situation for me. My vision, your grandpa. I'd like to have a more formal working session on this. Ultimately I'm making a decision for the unborn.

Merlin Sioux-Working session, I agree with everybody that's tough.

Sheldon King-Let's have a working session this Friday afternoon.

Break @ 2:52 p.m.

Reconvene @ 3:09 p.m.

Benji Headswift-This is contradicting, we just passed enrollments today, when is the effective date?

Dana Eaglefeathers-Tomorrow, February 8, 2017-August 8, 2017. That gives six months.

Merlin Sioux-I'd like to have a working session on this.

ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TEMPORARILY PLACING LIMITATIONS ON TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP WHILE NEW ENROLLMENT RULES ARE ESTABLISHED. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Conrad Fisher.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

3 votes Yes 5 votes No 0 Abstentionx Motion Failed

ICWA APPOINTMENTS-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYLON ROGERS, BERTHA BIGBACK-LIMBERHAND, DARREL BLACKWOLF, MARY SHOULDERBLADE, AND THOMASINE WOODENLEGS AS MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) COMMITTEE. Motion made by Conrad Fisher. Second by Ernest Littlemouth.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		
Sheldon King	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.			
Benji Headswift	X		

Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers			
Willie Rowland	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Vice President Fisher	X		

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

NCTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

Sheldon King-This isn't due to lack of confidence from the ones Jace appointed, I just think we should open it up.

RESOLUTION SOLICITING LETTERS OF INTEREST FROM TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO WISH TO SERVE ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Debbie Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

5 votes Yes 02 votes No 1 Abstention Motion Carried

***Resolution disapproved by President Killsback**

President Killsback-Last week I was at a meeting with the Casey Family, we did put in a request to request some funding for legal. One of the needs they wanted was to fill this board and get them functioning.

Merlin Sioux-You just have one Council rep or do you have an alternate?

President Killsback-If you're volunteering, I accept your volunteer.

President Killsback- You have a resolution replacing Council members with community members. We pull back for putting Council on the board. You've been conducting business on my previous memo. You have one from each district.

Verda King-Can you repeat those?

Ernest Littlemouth-I don't think Phyllis is interested. I want to make a recommendation for Alberta.

Sheldon King-I feel that you have those, you should take some letters of interest in there. To do your part, is to make sure their background check and everything is done. The complaint from the Superintendent was for the violent offenders and you didn't follow through with your part. You didn't do your homework, you didn't do your job. We're not listening to our people.

President Killsback-We talked about this openly and those were wrong statements that you made. The Ad Hoc was made with the review of the Busby in accordance with the policy in April. I disagree with your interpretation. I'm putting council members on that board. The Council who was Ad Hoc didn't foresee the attendance.

Sheldon King-We did openly talk to Brian. If we were going to change that policy to put out people in there. We can change them and amend them to benefit ourselves. We follow policy. I didn't misinterpret it. Yes, we can amend it, because we are the Council. No reason we should ever change it.

President Killsback-There is a whole process, that didn't need to occur.

Sheldon King-Let's give it back to the people.

President Killsback-Right now, there's concerns with Dana and your involvement on that board. I think it would be fair

Verda King-I'm a grandparent of five kids that go to school in Busby. There's a lot of chaos right now. It's supposed to be an educational institution. I think you should have someone that has an educational background. With these boards, you are the ones that decide who should be on these boards. There's a lot of people. When you're selecting you should decide who can help our people. With the selection that you're making. Don't forget you council are the ones that govern. I'm just a grandparent. I'm seeing and understanding all the chaos. The ones you're selecting, I would like Mabel Killsnight, Hugh Clubfoot, Jenny Parker, and for Lame Deer-Bertha Limberhand.

President Killsback-I shouldn't have to reiterate, it lies in the Constitution and Bylaws,

Verda King-It's turning into a political thing.

President Killsback-I'd like to call a point of order.

Benji Headswift-I can't purse your point of order I want to hear her side of the story.

Verda King-I want to voice my concerns.

President Killsback- I thank you for those recommendations. I do have a list.

Benji Headswift-Ultimately we have the authority to concur or not to concur.

Verda King-I feel for those kids. My grandkids, I went to that board meeting, pleading with them.

Benji Headswift-Today, you're trying to intervene.

Verda King-You're I'm stressing or saying, do it with someone for educational backgrounds.

President Killsback-This position does have authority to make appointments.

Benji Headswift-It lies in the Councils' hands.

Curtis Elkshoulder Sr-In regards to a tribal member, I would agree that this council get letters. I understand that there is crisis up there. The ones serving on that board were personal. That's the issues you're going to run into. I think there should be a solid stand on who you want in there that they do have an educational background. It comes down to a crisis situation, look at from a legislative point of view. You need to come together to see who you appoint on there. Funding and monies became an issue, you probably know educated people. We have to look at policy and be objective. Not personal opinions. As far as I know, there's no due process there. Take a good look at this.

President Killsback- There's definitely a lot of background that I put into those appointments. I question Mr. Littlecoyote's background, Calvin brings some cultural background that we need. Becky Threefingers, two degrees. Is the Council trying to stay on that board?

Sheldon King-I say, let them put their letter of interest.

President Killsback-I'm still going on this and you obviously have some issues with who I put on these boards. These are not employee positions, they are advisory boards, that's where I am coming from with these appointments. I believe that the issues are a result of Council being on this board.

Sheldon King-You hit the nail right on the head. We sit there and try to reason and not to make any major changes. Being on there the last couple of weeks with your appointments. You're supposed to be here to protect our people. Once again you have a reason for everything. It really hit close to home.

President Killsback-We're from the same community.

Ms. Braveheart-I took a personal day off. Is it in the policy for board members to have kids there?

President Killsback-The board cannot be established until April 1st. Until then, the problem I saw with that policy, is because there's a gap in time to appoint an Ad Hoc. We've had Council on there. There is a gap and we don't have leadership over the board.

Ms. Braveheart-Is there felonies on the board? These ones that get on, are they going to follow policy?

President Killsback-That's what I'm appointing is leaders.

Sheldon King-Why can't we just change it from 30 days today? You have an election and it'll be done.

President Killsback- I want to intervene if you want to call it that.

Ms. Braveheart-There should be requirements.

President Killsback-Why did we go to April 1st.

Ms. Braveheart-I've never ever worked in an unprofessional place. We all need to work on being professional. I took the day off to come. I'm here for my kids, I'm here for my people. Seems like you chase them away.

Sheldon King-Yet what happens? They don't see the best for our people. We were making decisions on the Ad Hoc and making decisions on hearsay and gossip. She gets punished for it, and they threw in policy and said I couldn't vote for her. We just threw her under the bus. We got rid of a tribal member that gives his life for the kids and we threw him away. I have goals, there was goals for that school. We nosedived after the elections. I would easily step off, if you put the right people in there. I want to give people a chance. If you want change, let's open it up.

President Killsback-Calm down.

Sheldon King-You calm down, I'm getting sick and tired of you.

President Killsback-Just so you know, I will veto this. You guys can come back for an override. In the meantime, I will reappoint, via memo. Until I get an appointment that I agree with. The executive has to be able to work with the legislative. I feel with the guys that I appointed.

Dana Eaglefeathers-This appointment you were trying to make was just temporary until April 1st?

Vice President Fisher-This is a temporary appointment, we wanted to get folks on there. This is a temporary board.

GAMING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

President Killsback-Donna Fisher rescinded and said her background check would come back negative on that. As you know, the casino is on the brinks of. I'm looking to replace those individuals.

Sheldon King-It was not on the commission's part. There was a letter from the auditor. Each meeting I went in there and argued for the change and was outvoted each time.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING CLARA WHITECRANE AND CLEVE MCMANUS AS MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN

CHEYENNE GAMING COMMISSION. Motion made by Ernest Littlemouth. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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CULTURE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

Alberta Fisher-This Busby school, everybody talks about they put it down and I went to school there, my grandkids went to school there, my great grandkids go to school there. Same way here, you don't see me coming in here. We elected you to come in here. Not just listen to a small handful of people. I'm observing. I always support Busby School, last night I encountered something. This lady said, we fired your friend again. I'll pray for you. The more I thought about it. When you review a personnel issue, isn't that a breach of confidentiality? Maybe it's in there that you can review anyone's personnel issue. This was strictly forbidden to talk about someone's appointment. I prayed about it. Those things shouldn't be going on at Busby School. They shouldn't be congregating, gossiping. My grandson was on bereavement leave, they took him off football, and when he was starting basketball, he just started playing this January. Our kids are being hurt, they're being neglected.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUFUS SPEAR AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE CULTURE COMMISSION. Motion made by Ernest Littlemouth. Second by Benji Headswift.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

PERSONNEL MANUAL REVISIONS-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

President Killsback-I went through the revisions. We came back and brought all the Directors on their feedback. Some of these had to do with verbiage, a lot looked at travel. Look at streamlining the process.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL MANUAL. Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Ernest Littlemouth.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Ernest Littlemouth. Second by Merlin Sioux.


ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

Adjourned at 4:02 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 March 2017.


Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe