

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

REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES
May 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Killsback called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

INVOCATION: Waylon Rogers

ROLL CALL:

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

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Killsback-Tomorrow is an important meeting with the department of transportation. I want it to be tribal driven. I want to know if it's just Council or open. I want Council to get their input.

Sheldon King-Big Horn County Commissioners want an agenda.

Brandon Woodenlegs-Big Horn County & Rosebud County will be getting agendas.

Stephanie Iron Shooter-OPI-Introduction of Allen Fisher

Allen Fisher-I'll be working with at risk kids. I'm also the basketball coach, I'm excited to be in this position.

MOTION MADE BY JOE FOX, JR. TO APPOINT SHELDON KING AS THE TEMPORARY SERGEANT AT ARMS. SECOND BY WILLIE ROWLAND. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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HEADSTART UPDATE-NOT PRESENT

IHS UPDATE-DEBBY BENDS

Debbly-We got from the Acting IHS Director, there's an attack on hospitals. They get ahold of your system and request payment for getting your system back. As of today, we have not gotten reports that this has happened to our system. They are requesting strong passwords. They are keeping IHS informed. PRC is continuing to do well. In terms of PRC, we are projecting surplus. We are at a level 4. The greatest benefit is the Medicaid expansion. We're hoping that will continue. Budget wise, we continue to operate in the black. We are down four providers, pediatrician/chief medical officer, we have family practice physician, and Pauline King, at an intermittent level. We are interviewing for a Med Tech position. Physical therapist, and engineering. We interviewed a young Native American female. In terms of quality initiatives, CPC Class, it's a partnership with the State of Montana. We are working with St. Vincent's for tele-health. We just got credentialed for prenatal care from St. Vincent's. We are trying to create a model to get our addicted mothers to get clean, to deliver their baby. Neonatal abstinence syndrome. The biggest issue is trying to get accurate data. I was wondering if you would like to schedule an occasional working session?

President Killsback-I'm open to that. I would like to reestablish the relationship we had.

Debbly Bends-Eugene and I are trying to get together weekly.

President Killsback-Get with Brandon and we can get with the Council. We have a tribal position that's mirroring that position to work with meth addicted mothers.

Debbly Bends-It's critical that we try to turn this around, so the mothers are healthy to raise their children in a good way.

President Killsback-We met with the drug force group last week. One of the concerns was the prescription drug abuse. And the hand to hand transactions happening at our service unit.

Debby Bends-We're open to working closely with the Tribe as well as drug enforcement agencies.

Vice President Fisher-We need to keep that dialogue going. It's an epidemic that's nationwide.

BUDGETS-DEBRA 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 227-287. Motion made by Debbie Charette. Second by Vernon Small.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

MINUTES-TRIBAL SECRETARY

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: MAY 2, 2017. Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Dana Eaglefeathers			
Vice President Fisher	X		

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

APPELLATE JUDGE APPOINTMENTS (2)-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK

President Killsback-We are backlogged in appeals from two years ago. I'm going with my initial appointments. I've been waiting for names for the appointments.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MONSON AND ADRIAN MILLER AS APPELLATE JUDGES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE APPELLATE COURT. Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

NCDC-SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT-BEN LONEBEAR

Ben Lonebear-I have three resolutions. This authorizes the takeover of operations of the solid waste management. Under Section 17, asking the Treasurer to transfer assets within the next 30 days. We are asking for the solid waste program to partner it with a propane company. It bills our tribal members and it's a revenue generating company. The second one is for cell tower revenues of \$200,000. We're asking that future revenues, be turned over in total for this year. This is providing myself with salary half time. The depot is making substantial profit.

Sheldon King-All of the 2017 meeting will go to NCDC?

Ben Lonebear-Yes, at the annual meeting, the charter asks us to pay our own bills. It also asks us to compile reports. Also, to provide some kind of dividend to the tribe. At that time, we'll be discussion 2017 revenues, and pushing some of those back to the Tribe. We have full accounting going on right now.

Joe Fox, Jr.-The Tribe's initial goal is to be successful in doing business. So we can accommodate our tribal membership. In that perspective, when this charter took over, we look at it at an arm's length. Eventually the Tribe will benefit in the long run, so down the road we'll see the prosperity.

Waylon Rogers-A few of us wanted to have a working session on this. Dana, and myself, and Merlin wanted to sit down and talk because we do have some needs, that the tribal membership needs. I wanted to ask that we have a working session before we hand the money over to you.

Merlin Sioux-Right now, we are not looking out for the shortfall of LIHEAP.

President Killsback-You're asking for the revenue. You do have 1/2 to work within budget for the shortfalls. Program matches, and we have unallowable costs that need to be addressed.

Ben Lonebear-Our annual meeting will be to discuss our interests. To request for 1/2 to fit the needs. Dana was there briefly, he was in agreement as well.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND ITS ASSETS TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE DEVELOPMENT COPORATION. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Waylon Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

NCDC-CELL TOWER REVENUE-BEN LONEBEAR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NORTHERN CHEYENNE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UTILIZE THE 2016 & 2017 CELL TOWER PROFITS EARNED UNDER THE REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH COMNET. Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Debbie Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Debra Charette	X		

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

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PERSONNEL MANUAL REVISION-CHEYENNE LANGUAGE-BEN LONEBEAR

Allen Clubfoot-As far as the coalition and the committee, the coalition as a whole, everybody is involved to help save our language. If we don't do anything, we're not going to have a language by 2040, that's a prediction. I'll have Diane introduce our officers. Right now, we're doing language with THPO, there's only three of them that showed up. What Ben was saying, that should expand.

Diane Spottedelk-The coalition meets every other Thursday, I'm more of a student there. I'm not a speaker but I understand. Most of the coalition members do carry Class VII, they should be utilized somehow. Those that do have it, should be used.

President Killsback-Amending the section for the leave, maybe in the resolution to allow administration to articulate that. I was asked at an interview, do you think it's appropriate for tribes to fund language. I said yes. We'll just take the language and amend our personnel policies.

Ben Lonebear-A lot will be internal process management. We'll have to figure out time management.

Sheldon King-Is it possible for the coalition to go to each district? Some of our elders, don't like to leave their house.

Allen Clubfoot-We talked about that.

Ben Lonebear-Is 90 days realistic?

President Killsback-Yes, we can get that.

Ben Lonebear-The ultimate goal is to bring language for the forefront for every day interactions. The first year will be tough.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAID EDUCATIONAL LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES ATTENDING CHEYENNE LANGUAGE COURSES AND REQUIRING ALL PERMANENT EMPLOYEES TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE CHEYENNE LANGUAGE COURSES WHILE WORKING FOR THE TRIBE. Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Sheldon King.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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INTERTRIBAL BISON COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT-GENE SMALL

Gene Small-This is for ITBC. Today was the deadline for FY16 which I got in. What I used it for was to hire a Buffalo Manager.

President Killsback-I talked to Jim Stone, he said the resolution is good. It was because of the alternate position.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL REQUESTING GRANT FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE INTER TRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL. 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.	X		
Benji Headswift			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers			
Vice President Fisher	X		

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

BIA FUNDING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT-GENE SMALL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT AND LAND AUTHORITY DIRECTOR TO WORK WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO ENTER INTO AND APPROVE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE DOI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. 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.	X		
Benji Headswift			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers			
Vice President Fisher	X		

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

BIA FUNDING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES-GENE SMALL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ENTERING INTO AND APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE DOI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

BIA FUNDING LAND AUTHORITY-GENE SMALL

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FOR A12AV00404 FROM THE DOI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Motion made by Vernon Small. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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TRIBAL FORESTRY TIMBER SALE-TERRY SPANG, SR.

Terry Spang, Sr.-Ashland Forest Products, ran out of timber. After salvaging all the dead trees, Fox Lumber wanted to have a timber harvest agreement. They needed the timber, I went to the Bureau to do a timber cutting permit. They limited it to 15,000 each permit.

Merlin Sioux-What are they doing with the right of way?

Terry Spang, Sr.-That's separate, that's a road use agreement. I think it might be a better idea to get a permanent right of way. It would be for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SELL THE MORELAND TIMBER CUTTING PERMITS A, B, AND C TO ASHLAND FOREST PRODUCTS, ASHLAND, MT. Motion made by Vice President Fisher. Second by Vernon Small.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers			
Vice President Fisher	X		

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

PRESIDENT KILLSBACK EXITS FOR APPOINTMENT-12:20 p.m.

MONTANA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION-SHELDON KING

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL JOINING THE MONTANA INDIAN TRIBAL GAMING ASSOCIATION. Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Waylon Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

GAMING COMMISSION OFFICERS-TERRY HIWALKER

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL CONCURRING WITH THE ACTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION'S SELECTION OF THEIR CHAIRWOMAN (SUNSHINE WOODENLEGS) AND VICE CHAIRMAN (CLYDE JOEL BRADY). Motion made by Vernon Small. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers			
Vice President Fisher-PRESIDING			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

CHARGING HORSE CASINO PERSONNEL POLICY REVISION-TERRY HIWALKER

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL GAMING. 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.	X		
Benji Headswift			
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers			
Vice President Fisher-PRESIDING			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Debra Charette.

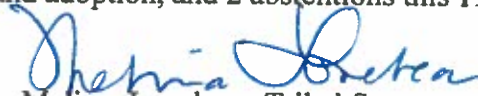
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

Adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 6 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 2 abstentions this 19th day of June 2017.


Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe