

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

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**MINUTES**  
May 26, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Killsback called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Otto Braided Hair

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Killsback-I called the Special Session.

Sam Chestnut-To honor Steve Chestnut, we're working with the college to develop a scholarship for one Northern Cheyenne to go to Steve Chestnut. We hope to award it every year. He worked for the Tribe for nearly 40 years. His connection with the Tribe was very special.

The other group is from the Litman School. We do a cultural exchange. It's a really powerful cultural exchange.

United Methodist Church Presentation

President Killsback-I'd like to add the appointment of Talen Energy appointments. You have a chairman of the Econ Dev. Committee it's usually that the chairman serves at the State level to be on the STED Commission.

**AGENDA ADDITION-TALEN ENERGY APPOINTMENTS.** 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   |    |         |
| Vernon Small            | X   |    |         |
| Dana Eaglefeathers      | X   |    |         |
| Vice President Fisher   | X   |    |         |

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

**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 739-NEW.** 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   |    |         |
| Vernon Small            | X   |    |         |
| Dana Eaglefeathers      | X   |    |         |
| Vice President Fisher   | X   |    |         |

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CASH TRANSFER FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE PER CAPITA BANK ACCOUNT ACCUMULATED INTEREST AND CELL TOWER REVENUE TO THE GENERAL FUND.** Motion made by Debbie Charette. 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   |    |         |
| Vernon Small            | X   |    |         |
| Dana Eaglefeathers      | X   |    |         |
| Vice President Fisher   | X   |    |         |

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

**POW-WOW COMMITTEE-BENJI HEADSWIFT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CHIEF'S POWWOW & RODEO COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2017. Motion made by Benji Headswift. 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   |    |         |
| Vernon Small            | X   |    |         |
| Dana Eaglefeathers      | X   |    |         |
| Vice President Fisher   | X   |    |         |

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

**PEOPLE'S PARTNERS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-SSBCI-MERLIN SIOUX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE PEOPLES PARTNER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO MANAGE THE STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE PROGRAM (SSBCI) THROUGH THE STATE AND TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YES      NO      ABSTAIN**

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| <b>Debra Charette</b>          | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Sheldon King</b>            | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b> | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>            |          |  |  |
| <b>Benji Headswift</b>         | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Merlin Sioux</b>            | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Waylon Rogers</b>           |          |  |  |
| <b>Willie Rowland</b>          | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Vernon Small</b>            | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>      | <b>X</b> |  |  |
| <b>Vice President Fisher</b>   | <b>X</b> |  |  |

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

**NCTS BOARD SEATING-BENJI HEADSWIFT**

Sheldon King-The teachers at Busby School are the ones at the bottom of the barrel. My daughter MAP testing, she's 13 and she wouldn't take the test because she's not prepared for it. Not only our education but our culture too.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I agree with you 100%. I think it's premature to judge. I think it's as a result of the previous ad hoc and previous administration to be judged on those. Those were actually done by the previous ad hoc. Give it a year. We haven't given this administration a chance to work.

Sheldon King-You said the previous, that's me you and the others. You always say put the people first, and we didn't hire our own tribal member at the school.

President Killsback-That's something the leadership can look into and look at hiring our own. When they do their board training, all of us be involved in that. It's a BIE school, they're always going to be in jeopardy. Turnout was low, but the people have spoken. Those kinds of issues cannot be forgotten. We need to make sure their accountability with the board that's put into place.

Vice President Fisher-It's a work in process. This is something that the Tribal Council determined was in the best interest of the school. We should focus on ensuring that there's a school board in place and have the resources to move forward to start getting things done over there. We want to celebrate the fact that there's a board in place. We all know what direction we need to take. I fully support the results of the election.

**RESOLUTION SEATING 2017-20 NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Vernon Small.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

|                                | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>ABSTAIN</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Debra Charette</b>          | <b>X</b>   |           |                |
| <b>Sheldon King</b>            | <b>X</b>   |           |                |
| <b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b> | <b>X</b>   |           |                |

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| Joe Fox, Jr.          |   |  |  |
| Benji Headswift       | X |  |  |
| Merlin Sioux          | X |  |  |
| Waylon Rogers         |   |  |  |
| Willie Rowland        | X |  |  |
| Vernon Small          | X |  |  |
| Dana Eaglefeathers    | X |  |  |
| Vice President Fisher | X |  |  |

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-PRESIDENT KILLSBACK**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES (TALEN ENERGY & EDC OFFICERS).**

Motion made by Vice President Fisher. 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   |    |         |
| Vernon Small            | X   |    |         |
| Dana Eaglefeathers      | X   |    |         |
| Vice President Fisher   | X   |    |         |

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

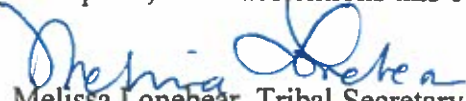
|                         | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---------|
| Debra Charette          | X   |    |         |
| Sheldon King            | X   |    |         |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X   |    |         |
| Joe Fox, Jr.            |     |    |         |
| Benji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

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| Vice President Fisher | X |  |  |
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| 9 votes Yes | 0 votes No | 0 Abstentions | Motion Carried |
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Adjourned at 11:38 a.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 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

  
Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe