

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

November 20, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting President Fisher called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Willie Rowland

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>			Travel
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	X		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	X		
<b>Conrad Fisher, Acting President</b>	X		

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Benji Headswift-We did go down to Las Vegas, we did some sight-seeing of facilities. One in particular was Moapa Tribe solar facility. The progress they made in the last seven years, was pretty amazing. They looked into partnering with solar City. They got their first partnership, with the largest solar facility in the nation. I brought 168 jobs to their tribe for 4 years. They're looking at finalizing their first power purchase agreement with Los Angeles. The other power purchase agreement their working on is with Mandalay Bay. That put it's at a mass scale for solar endeavors. We have to figure out whether we're going to do it at a consumer or corporate level. We dreamed of going into PPL wires. Another note, we visited the Las Vegas Paiute Cannabis. They have the same structure as us. They're three blocks from Fremont Street. They've been in recreational and medical marijuana, they've had huge success. They did express to us, Chairman Tso would be more than happy to work with us. It's just an idea at this point. There are pros and cons. We have a vast amount of medical card holders that have to drive 180 miles to get their medicine. They have 30 employees. One thing they have, is they are a major city. A lot of good things come with it. If we would go to the HIS hear and the opiates, nobody is going to complain about that. The way they're selling it, you can actually purchase it without THC. NUWUcannabis.com. You can take a look at their product. It was amazing to look at the community, and their pride. One down fall, is the financial institute that's going to hold that kind of money. I'm really excited about it. One of the things they talked about was transparency from the get go. As of right now,

they have a good relationship with the federal government. The majority of the people that were there were elderly people.

Acting President Fisher-I think those are good viable opportunities, the second is very creative.

Sheldon King-Last week, thank you for letting me go and testify. We didn't speak on behalf of Sierra Club, we spoke for the coal miners for some of the training. It's going to affect our community, affect our membership. We used our own travel, we're speaking on behalf of our own tribe. He said "Mr. King, you have two minutes", so I used 10 minutes. On behalf of our tribe we should all be there.

Acting President Fisher-Did you say your Indian name?

Sheldon King-How many times have you been here, and how many times have you seen our Headstart Director?

Acting President Fisher-Not very often.

Sheldon King-We were on a five year plan, it's hurting our young kids because they're not ready for Kindergarten.

**HEADSTART UPDATE-NOT PRESENT**

**BUDGETS-DEBRA CHARETTE**

Debbie Charette-We had a Budget & Finance Meeting this morning.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS.** Motion made by Debbie Charette. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**NEPA ANALYSIS YELLOWSTONE BISON-JOHN MEYER**

**MOTION MADE BY BENJI HEADSWIFT TO TABLE THE NEPA ANALYSIS ITEM.  
SECOND BY JOE FOX, JR.**

**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>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>		

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

**GRAZING PERMIT EXTENSION-GENE SMALL**

Benji Headswift-This should come to Land Authority. BIA rejected it due to the fact that we didn't set the rate for allotted.

**Dana Exits@ 1:14 p.m. for medical and travel.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR GRAZING PERMIT EXTENSION.** Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**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>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>		

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

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT-ACTING PRESIDENT FISHER**

Acting President Fisher-There were a number of names submitted to my office, I'm recommended Zane.

Sheldon King-Why can't we see the list of names for the scholarship?

Joe Fox, Jr.-Years ago the Council passed to do an investigation on Tribal Ed.

Acting President Fisher-If you want me to sit down, and maybe we can have a round table discussion.

Joe Fox, Jr.-In 2011, William was supposed to do an investigation on it.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ZANE SPANG TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.** Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**HECG GRANT PROPOSAL-ACTING PRESIDENT FISHER**

Acting President Fisher-As you know, we've done some work particularly with reference to solar energy here at the tribal office.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION BY NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF AN ASSISTANCE TO HIGH ENERGY COST RURAL COMMUNITIES GRANT (HECG) PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) – RURAL UTILITES SERVICE TO FUND THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY UPGRADE INITIATIVE.** Motion made by Vernon Small. Second by Willie Rowland.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			<b>ABSENT</b>

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

**BIA FUNDING ADULT DETENTION CENTER-BENJI HEADSWIFT**

Benji Headswift-We had discussion with the new Chief of Police and Randy Elliot last week. Their bosses can provide funding to building a new jail. This is what BIA Law Enforcement is asking for. Councilman King this resolution will set the tone. Extending our sovereignty as a Tribe.

**A RESOLUTION URGING BIA TO FUND A NEW ADULT DETENTION CENTER IN LAME DEER FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION COMMUNITY.** Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**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>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			<b>ABSENT</b>

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

**NCTHA ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-WILLIE ROWLAND**

Lafe Haugen-This consolidates last year, there was some changes made by the former chairman, what it did was mixed us up more than anything. Just recently the Council passed the amendment that no one have a delinquency on the board. We cleaned up all the language. The Council has the authority to change this anytime they want. We are asking the Council today, to rescind, and helps us to revive the staggered terms.

Acting President Fisher-There's 13 pages here, I would like to ask the changes.

Lafe Haugen-The Council passed, that when someone is removed, you can't be reinstated. This one says, when you're removed for cause. (page 13, number 10). We thought it was unfair because it was disqualified for someone like Troy. When the Council wants to appoint someone, I won't say yay or nay, I'll just tell you if they're delinquent. It really put us in limbo, because we weren't

sure of the intent of the language. What it does is really implements the staggered terms. This board will have to report to the Council every six months. It holds everyone more accountable.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. DOI-013 (2016), ORDINANCE NO. DOI-011 (2017), AND ORDINANCE NO. DOI-002 (2018) IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A CONSOLIDATED NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY ENABLING ORDINANCE AS SET FORTH BELOW.** Motion made by Willie Rowland. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY-JOE FOX, JR.**

Joe Fox, Jr.-No other tribal member should have to face, if they apply for jobs.

Acting President Fisher-Why do we want to have affirmative action?

Joe Fox, Jr.-His case was brought back here for consideration by BIA.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICIALLY SUPPORTING AND DEMANDING FOR AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION AND CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY AS TO WHY ROBERT D. BAILEY A NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL MEMBER WAS ARBITRARILY DISREGARDED FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF FEDERAL HIRING PRACTICES BY THE BIA SUPERINTENDENT MIKE ADDY AND THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AGENCY.** Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Sheldon King.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Sheldon King</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>			
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		

<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			<b>ABSENT</b>

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

**AGRICULTURE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN-CHARLENE ALDEN**

Charlene Alden-We've been working on the agricultural resource management plan. She's been working on it for about two years. This was a grant that we inherited when Allen was the Natural Resource Director. We did a lot of data gathering.

Trihydro Representatives

Julianna McNut & Brian

Powerpoint Presentation given.

**Sheldon King exits @ 1:49 p.m. for travel to Rocky Boy, MT**

Charlene Alden-It's the Ag Resource Management Plan and the NEPA.

Acting President Fisher-With reference to your objective, I'm not sure how involved, Charlene you are with some of our most recent updates with energy. We're working with Eformative on the forest assets that we have. That is to maintain and sustain them through carbon credits.

Benji Headswift-We are going to table this agenda item. We'll schedule a working session.

**MOTION MADE BY BENJI HEADSWIFT TO TABLE AGRICULTURE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN. SECOND BY WAYLON ROGERS.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Sheldon King</b>			<b>ABSESNT</b>
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>			
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			<b>ABSENT</b>

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Waylon Rogers. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

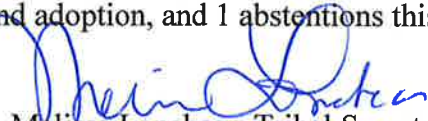
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Sheldon King</b>			<b>ABSESNT</b>
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>			
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			<b>ABSENT</b>

<b>7 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Adjourned @ 2:13 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 1 abstentions this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.



Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe