

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

December 18, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting President Fisher called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Dana Eaglefeathers

**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>	X		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		Arr. 3:48 p.m.
<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**

Dana Eaglefeathers- We're building relationships. CNA had their election. Some of the Council invited us to their inauguration, which is January 6<sup>th</sup> in Concho, OK. Sometime in the near future, Board of Health is coordinating another meeting in Ft. Peck with Kenny Smoker. They're building a wellness center. This coming year, I'd like to see some construction on outs.

Acting President Fisher-That would show good diplomacy.

**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 265-146.** Motion made by Debbie Charette. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</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**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REVISION-MERLIN SIOUX**

**MOTION MADE BY MERLIN SIOUX TO ADD MAY, 5, 2018 TO THE HOLIDAY LIST: NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS. 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>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</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>		

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

**AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN-CHARLENE ALDEN**

Joe Fox, Jr.-Did we have a working session here?

Debbie Charette-I gave it to Ron and Gene. They both went through it. He said everything within their program is in there. He said it looks straight forward.

Acting President Fisher-Is there something that should be going out to the general public?

Debbie Charette-They did take it out.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE 2017 NORTHERN CHEYENNE AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RANGELAND RESOURCES ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION FOR THE PERIOD 2017 THROUGH 2027, OR UNTIL REVISED. 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.	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

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

**ARMP VISION STATEMENT-CHARLENE ALDEN**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE 2017 NORTHERN CHEYENNE INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN VISION STATEMENT AS AN UPDATE / AMENDMENT TO THE 1989 NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.** 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.	X		
Benji Headswift	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

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

**2018 FARM BILL SUPPORT-GENE SMALL**

Melissa Lonebear-This was presented at IAC in Las Vegas. It will be submitted for support.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUPPORT OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN FARM BILL COALITION AND THE “REGAINING OUR FUTURE” REPORT AND THE POLICY INITIATIVES GENERATED THEREFROM.** Motion made by Debbie Charette. 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	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

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

**TRAVEL MANUAL AMENDMENT-JOE FOX, JR.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE TRAVEL MANUAL (Section I, A (6), to allow employees with outstanding travel to pay the outstanding amounts in full by the end of January each year). Motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**MDOT MOA-ACTING PRESIDENT FISHER**

Acting President Fisher-We've been having problems with sand for improving road maintenance.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPROVING ROAD MAINTENANCE THROUGH SANDING MATERIAL REGARDING WINTER MAINTENANCE FOR U.S. 212, MT 39 ROUNDABOUT AND LAME DEER HILL ON U.S. 212. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debbie Charette.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**NCTHA BOARD APPOINTMENTS-LAFE HAUGEN**

Lafe Haugen-Due to the amendment to the Ordinance, it says that anyone that has a delinquent bill cannot sit on the board, we have vacancies.

Ernest Littlemouth-I'd like to excuse myself from this vote because my daughter is on the board.

Benji Headswift-I'd like to make a recommendation for Lane Spotted Elk.

Acting President Fisher-This is the first time I've seen this. Have the Lame Deer reps had an opportunity to review this? Is this the forum to do it? Do we need to open it up for other recommendations? It seems like it hasn't been thoroughly discussed.

Lafe Haugen-The amendment passed that no one can have a delinquency.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The appointments we have here, are ones that had letters of interest.

Joe Fox, Jr.-We had precedent set where this council has appointed boards and commissions.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL REMOVING DIANE SPOTTEDELK AND RYNALEA PENA FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NCTHA) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TRIBE AND REPLACING THEM WITH WILBUR SPANG AND REGINALD KILLSNIGHT, JR.** Motion made by Waylon Rogers. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**PEAKS TO PLAINS, LLC CONTRACT-LAFE HAUGEN**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE SOLE SOURCING OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND PEAKS TO PLAINS LLC, FOR ESTABLISHING A TRIBALLY OWNED CASINO AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON THE LAND OWNED BY THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE LOCATED AT THE TONGUE RIVER DAM. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second 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>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</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>		

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

**RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. DOI-164 (2017)-SHELDON KING**

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INTENT TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO BIA TO ASSUME LAW ENFORCMENT PROCEDURES. Motion made by Sheldon King. 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>X</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>		

Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

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

**SUPPORT FOR BRANDON MIKKANEN-SHELDON KING**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDING BRANDON SATEPAUHOODLE MIKKANEN, TO BE CONSIDERED THE TOP CANDIDATE TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE.** 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	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Willie Rowland	X		
Vernon Small	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Benji Headswift. Second by Joe Fox, Jr.

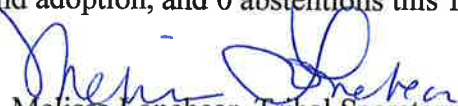
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**Adjourned @ 4:26 p.m.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.



Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe