

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

April 3, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Killsback called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Leonard Elkhsoulder, Sr.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</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>Leave</b>
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>Travel</b>
<b>Willie Rowland</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Vernon Small</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Conrad Fisher, Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>L. Jace Killsback, President</b>	<b>X</b>		

Quorum Established.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sheldon King-All we hear is that \$500,000 was turned back last year. Is that what you heard when you went down there?

Vice President Fisher-It could have been better spent. I think we need to sit down and take a good look at our Headstart program.

Sheldon King-We could have possibly got a new unit in Busby. The Director is not aggressive enough to take care of our kids. Our teachers, they need a better wage. We sat here for almost four years and that was my goal that we get a better Headstart.

Vice President Fisher-What I can do, is sit down and have a follow up.

President Killsback-With Headstart, there was legislation here. That law we were going to pass, took the policy committee out on the disciplinary of the director. That's something to follow up

on and he was supposed to present that again next week. If there is accountability that needs to occur, we want it streamlined.

Sheldon King-We went to D.C. We want at least 2% of that transportation money to come back. We're trying to unite as one. I also had the opportunity to get with NIGA out there. In front of the meet & greet, he said there's big things being done at Northern Cheyenne.

Debbie Charette-We had James Casen and he basically said that he wasn't going to help with TBEC.

Sheldon King-We did buy a propane tank. We are filling a need on the reservation.

President Killsback-On the propane deal, I wanted to see some of the other documentation on it. The business plan, and quotes, let us know.

President Killsback-I spoke to the US Commission on civil rights. I gave a presentation on border town racism.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Make a motion to add.

President Killsback-I'm not sure if I'm going to recognize that.

Vice President Fisher-I'm not sure who the agenda committee is, in the past, we set and agenda. You're trying to bring order and trying to be consistent. That's going to be the biggest question, if you have a process in place, then the agenda committee should be the authority on whatever stipulations you place on it. In the past, we've always done that.

President Killsback-All I'm asking for is consistency. Policy is there to guide us. Ultimately, it's up to the Council.

**AGENDA ADDITION-DELORMO CONSULTANT CONTRACT.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. 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>		X	
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<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>Vice President Fisher</b>		X	

<b>2 votes Yes</b>	<b>7 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Failed</b>
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**ENROLLMENT-WALLACE BEARCHUM**

Dana Eaglefeathers-We've been talking about the enrollment ordinance. Wallace will schedule a meeting to go over it.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Debra Charette. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<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**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF SIXTEEN (16) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Sheldon King. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<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**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RE-ENROLLING ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL INTO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.** 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>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**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF FOUR (4) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.** Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Sheldon King.

**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>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**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR SIX (6) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.** Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Vernon Small.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YES      NO      ABSTAIN**

<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**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR ONE (1) TRIBAL MEMBER ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL. Motion made by Debra Charette. 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>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**

**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 595, FUND 204, FUND 225. Motion made by Debra Charette. 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>		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			

<b>Benji Headswift</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>			<b>ABSENT</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**

**TRANSPORTATION TIP-JANIS SPEAR**

Janis Spear-After this was submitted, I would like to amend this to include lighting maintenance. I haven't made this part of this TIP.

President Killsback-Did you see the one in Busby too?

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL, TO APPROVE FY2018-2022 NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP). THIS ESTABLISHES THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PRIORITY LIST. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Willie Rowland.**

**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>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**

**HEALING HEARTS RMTLC GRANT-MEREDITH MCCONNELL**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS COUCIL, EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON JUSTICE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: SEXUAL VIOLENCE, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, STALKING, AND TEEN DATING VIOLENCE SOLICITATION SEEKING FUNDING TO WORK IN COLLABORATION THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. Motion made by Conrad Fisher. 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>	X		
<b>Joe Fox, Jr.</b>			
<b>Benji Headswift</b>	X		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>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>2 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**\*Resolution was not submitted to Tribal Secretary by deadline date.**

**GAMING HIRING PROCESS-SHELDON KING**

Sheldon King-I'm not out to pick on anyone. We didn't advertise the position. On one side of the spectrum it said Gaming Commission could appoint, and the other said it should be advertised. I always advocate equality. As long as it's advertised, I don't care who the commission picks. There's people out there that might want to come home. I wanted to open the door for everybody.

Dana Eaglefeathers-This is one of the entities that is actually doing well right now. We go back to separate entity, just like housing. They have their own governing documents. The new GM is working closely with our attorneys to revamp the policies. I don't see it as nothing but dictating. We want to dictate how they operate. In less than 90 days, he's generated a lot of money from that casino. We're looking at 21 million dollars in fines for utilities. Curtis is the GM to come up with a financial management plan. I really don't think stepping in and dictating is good leadership.

Sheldon King-With our gaming commission, even with Mr. Small, even with Terry we advertised. We walk in to a position, with the audit, we were in the red \$43,000. All I'm asking for is equality for advertising, just like every other position that's out there. It's unfair to our people that we don't advertise every position.

Benji Headswift-I feel that if they did advertise, he would have been permanent already. I did talk with Curtis at the last Council meeting. If that were me, I would want to have that security of having a job.

President Killsback-I read the Ordinance, and policy. Appoint also means hire, we're confusing it as appointment. It's giving the commission, hiring and firing authority. Our policy is also clear on how we select, review, and hire.

Dana Eaglefeathers-To clarify what Benji said, he was appointed permanently for one year. The Vice President agreed to it.

Vice President Fisher-You want to clarify the rules for hiring the Gaming Manager. I hear discussion that they're doing that now.

Sheldon King-It just says that they're going to advertise. We're looking at needing more clarification.

President Killsback-My understanding, is that if we pass it, the Commission will advertise the position. The pressure is coming from the community. I understand it now. I've asked the Gaming Manager to give me the minutes and I still haven't received those.

Leonard Elkshoulder, Sr.-About a month ago one of the commission members approached me. He asked about the Ordinance. He said every time they hire someone that seems to be doing something right, the council steps in and wants to get rid of them. He approached me and asked me if I read the gaming commission, in the ordinance, it spells out that the commission will hire a gaming manager. A board member approached me, and he said, the Council already has someone in mind for that. When these kinds of things come up, you should all call those commission members in. Why does this Council arbitrarily do these things? I've never been on the Council in my life. That's something to think about.

Sheldon King-At the gaming meeting, a tribal member abruptly lost his job. There was no due process for him. In that meeting, in the minutes, he came in there and it was in the minutes that they were going to hire for that position. I didn't know they picked the gaming manager. We're not there to pick on anybody. If one person was fired from his job, at that time we should have advertised.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I think we should send this back to the gaming commission, let them make those changes.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL CLARIFYING THE RULES FOR HIRING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL GAMING MANAGER.** Motion made by Sheldon King. Second by Benji Headswift.

**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>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>Vice President Fisher</b>	X		



<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**GAMING COMMISSION LIAISON-SHELDON KING**

Sheldon King-I sit as the Chairman of the Montana Indian Gaming Commission. A lot of our casinos in Montana are getting ripped off.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Again, we're going back to the Gaming ordinance. The ordinance says that the President, and Vice President are ex-officio's of the gaming ordinance. I don't think the gaming commission needs a liaison.

President Killsback-I talked to Sheldon about having him as a liaison. This resolution will still go to NIGC. I know all of us can go to the meetings, but there's also regulations. If we do this officially, need to add that I am appointing to you, or delegate that ex-officio status.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I would recommend Waylon.

President Killsback-I told him not to nominate himself, we shouldn't nominate someone that's not here.

**A RESOLUTION DELEGATING SHELDON KING AS TRIBAL COUNCIL LIAISON TO NORTHERN CHEYENNE GAMING COMMISSION (SHELDON KING-NON VOTING CAPACITY).** Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Willie Rowland.  
**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>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>		

<b>6 votes Yes</b>	<b>2 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstention</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**ELDERLY COMMISSION APPOINTMENT-TABLED**

**GAMING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT-TABLED**

**EFORMATIVE DOE GRANT-VICE PRESIDENT FISHER**

Debbie Charette-On the cash match, where will the \$500,000 come from?

President Killsback-Majority of it will be in kind. My understanding, it's not going to be a cash match. It was my biggest concern. And probably recourses.

Andy Elkshoulder, Jr.-We're going to put in for relief funding from the state of Montana.

President Killsback-The match is 50/50, whatever we put into it, will be matched. It doesn't obligate the tribe to spend the full amount.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF "ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT ON TRIBAL LANDS" PROPOSAL TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) UNDER FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DE-FOA-0001847.** Motion made by Vice President 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		
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 Debra Charette. Second by Sheldon King.

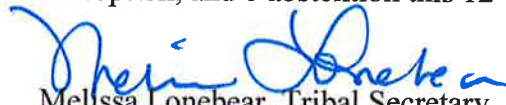
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	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**

**Adjourned @ 12:26 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 0 abstention this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.



Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe