

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

December 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Small called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

INVOCATION: Hubert Blackwolf

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Howard Ontiveros	X		
Stefan Rainingbird	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Gene Small, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X		
Theresa Small	X		
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	12		

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Lame Deer District toys for tots tomorrow (12/17/24) at 7 p.m.
- *Desi Small Rodriguez update
- *Meeting with Bryce Red Grave. Need to get someone hired. Do have the applications.
- *Ernest is asking for his assistant back. Been behind on a lot of stuff. Didn't know we were Meeting here today.

MOTION TO ADD REMOVAL OF FERRAL HORSES TO THE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADD CLERK OF COURT TO THE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADD LIFFT TO THE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			

Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried	
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ITEM #1 – ELDERLY UPDATE – MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT – NOT PRESENT

ITEM #2 – DISTRICT UPDATES

SHELDON KING – BUSBY DISTRICT UPDATE

- *Discussion on the hall and playground equipment.
- *Discussion on the NCTS Board action.

RYHAL ROWLAND – MUDDY DISTRICT UPDATE

- *Discussion on the hall.
- *Elected officials.
- *Discussion on the arbor.

JOHN THREEFINGERS – LAME DEER DISTRICT UPDATE

- *Discussion on the assistance to the people for the holidays.
- *Request a meeting with the President.
- *Discussion on multiple requests for same individuals using different names.

HUBERT BLACKWOLF – LAME DEER RESIDENT

- *Discussion on the Lame Deer District representatives.
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ITEM #3 – BUDGETS

CHEYENNE MITCHELL – A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the following budgets to be enacted or modified and approves the contemplated expenditures contained in the presented budgets, subject to the listed conditions, restrictions or constraints:

Program Budgets FY 2025			
<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
NEW	TRIBAL TRANSIT	\$	55,120.00
NEW	TRIBAL TRANSIT	\$	60,868.00
337-A	LIHEAP	\$	51,563.20

323-A	LIHEAP	\$	57,294.00
826	BUFFALO PROJECT	\$	21,599.82
739	NC HUMAN SERVICES	\$	459,295.66
407	TRIBAL FORESTRY	\$	480,216.11

**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 Melissa Fisher. Second by Gwen Spottedhorse.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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Program Budgets FY 2024

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
823	HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 585,183.62

**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 Melissa Fisher. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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Program Budgets FY 2025

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
935	THPO	\$ 13,424.69

**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 Melissa Fisher. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #1 – ELDERLY UPDATE – Michelene was not present at the beginning of the meeting but is here now. She has a few things to update.

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT

- *Will be my last update. Not sure who will be on the Elderly Commission.
- *Roberta Bigback no longer the Director.
- *Kathryn Haugen is the Temporary Director.
- *Still waiting on the freezer door. Waiting on Housing to order.
- *Have our budgets in.
- *December 18 – movie with snacks & door prizes @ 1:30 p.m.
- *December 19 – Angel tree presents should be dropped off today or tomorrow.
- *December 23 – Christmas Bingo 11:30 to 12:30.
- *Tribal Council will donate prizes for the bingo.
- *Movie on Netflix called The Roof. It's about a 2-spirit individual who wants to dance jingle.

ITEM #4 – MINUTES – EDINA REDSTAR

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President			X	
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #5 – N.C. JOB SERVICE – MELISSA LONEBEAR

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This project has been in the works. This will be the first ever, job service on the reservation and the first one in the State of Montana.

SHELDON KING: Speaks about the Job Service's positive work in regards to our people.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO ESTABLISH THE FIRST JOB SERVICE OFFICE ON A RESERVATION LOCATED WITHIN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION TO PROVIDE CAREER DEVELOPMENT, SOFT SKILLS TRAINING, AND WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE PEOPLE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #6 – MORNINGSTAR PROPANE & SANITATION NCDC – TORREY DAVIE

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I do not have a resolution for you. It will be done today.

*Unable to get any documentation with reference to Economic Development and also Morningstar Propane and Sanitation from Wallace or Donavin.

*2 months ago, I was made the ECD Chair. Eva is the Vice-Chair.

*I was asked to attend a meeting with HR where the propane and sanitation had a Few concerns regarding the policies such as safety, breaks, leave; things of that nature. The Director and staff were all there.

*I asked them about the policy. They stated, what policy?

*I asked HR whose policy do they follow. Whose procurement do they follow.

*HR stated that by word of mouth she was delegated those duties by the Tribal Administrator, the late William Walksalong. I asked if there was a binding document. She did not know. She was just told by William that they were under our policies; hiring, interviews for hiring.

*I asked Wallace and Donavin to search for Morningstar Propane. The only

document they could give me was the award resolution for the loan that was taken out of the General Fund by Tribal Council to start the business.

- *No binding document that states MS Propane and Sanitation follows the NC Tribe's Policies.
- *Just doing my due diligence in finding out what I was signing; timesheets and leave Slips of the director. I am the supervisor of the Director not the staff.
- *Director mentioned that they follow the procurement policy of the Tribe to a T.
- *Vehicle usage by the Director. There was a memo put out by William in regards to the unauthorized use of program vehicles. There are certain people's vehicles that are authorized to be taken home and used. One is Land Authority because they get the live-stock off the road. Never found anything on the propane company that they have that authority to do that. I never found anybody that had the authority to do anything.
- *Purchase of a vehicle. They did get the 3 quotes that ranged from 71 to 69 thousand. The middle one was chosen and it was not the lowest. There was no board approval on that. Minor purchases is anything from \$3,000 to \$250,000 and it requires 3 quotes and due diligence by the Tribe's purchasing agent. It also requires board approval in a board meeting. That was not done but I was told that they follow procurement to a T.
- *I requested to end the meeting. Right now, there is no policy, there's no safety handbook. They do not fall under anyone's policy.
- *I don't believe the State would allow us to drive our propane trucks off the reservation without a limited sovereignty waiver. I don't think the State would allow us to do that.
- *There is absolutely no policy for a business that has been running for 7 years now.
- *I haven't been able to obtain any kind of documentation on how they run; the job description of the director.
- *If something were to happen, it would fall on this body right here, the council because we are the economic committee.
- *I asked Brian if it were true that there was a council person that gave a directive to our legal to begin working on policy.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:

- *It was not a directive.
- *This has been in the works for months. At least a year.
- *I explained in that EDC meeting that it was councils' fault.
- *This business was created so we could provide a service to our people. I was there in the beginning. So, we could provide instant deliveries. So, we could provide a lower rate for fill ups for their tanks.
- *There were policies from Standing Rock that were reviewed that were never adopted. Nobody pushed it. So, it is the council's fault. Not just one council member. Not just one Council.
- *We are where we are right now and I have serious issues with this, especially coming from you Torrey because you were the one with NCDC. I have packets that I am putting together so you guys have documentation about the amounts of money we have invested in NCDC with no return. Just this one print out right here

is \$829,082.27. There are things that need to change within their board composition. They have business office. I don't know what Rae's title is. They have Donna in there as the CEO. They can't get credit card statements for the office supply company. They can't get reports from the office supply company. That's not right. To put our only successful tribal business under that, I am not in agreement with that. I feel that this is a personal thing.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

- *With the change in board members, I feel they will be going in the right direction.
- *Steve is a policy person and a lawyer.
- *They didn't want to put it under NCDC because Lafe was a board member. He was against it.
- *There was confrontation with another CEO at the time.
- *It is a for profit business. At the time Christian Bends was treasurer and they were working with the auditors and the comptroller. It was a liability for the Tribe and a recommendation came from the treasurer that the for-profit business should be under the NCDC.

COUNCILMAN ONTIVEROS:

- *The need is not in question here.
- *It's great idea. It's an awesome business.
- *There's no proper policy manual; nobody knows the chain of command; it's just kind of doing what it's doing.
- *In our constitution, it says we shouldn't be running for profit businesses under the Tribe and that's why NCDC was created. That's where it should go but my opinion now is I don't think we should now until we get a board in place; until the board and the management there currently can figure out a plan. The need is not in question here.
- *He was put in as the EDC chair and it's kind of his job.
- *We can't just let things run amuck until we figure something out. It needs control.

ALVIN STRANGEOWL: So, until you guys figure this out, where does that leave us employees?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:

- *We should have brought the policies. I called Beth and asked her because it was already being talked about to figure out how we could because NCDC was not serving its purpose.
- *We talked to Beth about creating like an LLC or even a stand-alone business by itself like Utilities or the casino.
- *All that needs to happen right now, because I say it's premature now to give it to NCDC until they get established and they can function like they're supposed to.
- *I don't want this business to be thrown to the wind.
- *We can only get a portion of the financials from NCDC right now because you have The different departments underneath that that flat out refuse to give information to Donna and Rae.

PRESIDENT SMALL:

- *I have to agree with Howard.
- *It has to go under NCDC but at the moment I just don't think it's the right move.
- *I've never heard or seen any reporting to the council as per the charter.
- *There's some tax money that the Tribe helped them with, \$120 or \$130 something thousand. That was supposed to be paid back and has not been paid back.
- *The manager came and visited with me. Talk of money being taken. I asked for it in writing or email and never received it. That's a concern to me if money was taken. Needs to be addressed sooner than later.
- *We need to get it solid. There ain't no other place for Morningstar.
- *Any other Tribe with successful businesses does have a separate arm

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:

- *Last January they gave a report and they did bring, for the first time since it began, a check for \$15,000.

SHELDON KING:

- *We can adopt the Tribe's policies and it was brought to his attention.
- *He is my EDC supervisor. Not one time have we sat down like gentlemen and talked.
- *We are located in your offices and all I hear everyday is that Sheldon King, this Sheldon King. My office manager is kind of intimidated because he's loud. That's his demeanor. That's how he talks. I've always known that. I'm glad he's working on it now.
- *We can start a resolution and pass it temporarily.
- *He brings up all this other stuff beforehand because he's trying to make it look bad.
- *I gave my life to make sure that we were successful.
- *The first week, we sold 48,000 gallons of propane. We took off. We did something that no other tribe has done. We paid off our business in 4 months. February 2019, we had it all paid back. I lived in that 16, 17 hours a day. I thought propane was more important than spending time with my family.
- *Where does it say you need board approval to buy another truck?
- *Everything the tribal council or administration wanted, I jumped up and I took off. They wanted in Kansas, I'm going. They wanted me in Missoula, I'm going. North Dakota, Wyoming. I did it for our buffalo program. I did it for the tribal council. Every district. I am volunteering because this is what we are supposed to do. We are supposed to help each other because we are Cheyenne's. We are not supposed to fight one another.
- *The success of this company is not just because of me. It's because of these people behind me. They are the ones I fight for.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

- *I have a concern. If someone comes to you with \$50, you are not delivering. I was In the office when a family called. The family had an emergency but had \$100 for propane but was told they couldn't deliver \$100 worth of propane.

- *That is why it was created was to help people with what they had. It's hard for people to get \$165 for propane when they need it.
- *You need to be mindful of your fees because the people are still struggling here.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: The point of this is it hasn't been done and nobody has sat down with the propane company to make these recommendations or to review anything.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: It's actually the propane director's responsibility to create policy to be passed by the board.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This is premature. It shouldn't even be on the floor yet. We should have sat down and discussed it amongst ourselves before bringing it to the floor. You acted like I went rogue asking Beth. We were asking her a year ago for policies. We had a meeting last month. That is the first EDC meeting I've ever been too.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I am fine with tabling this.

COUNCILMAN ONTIVEROS: The business, the people that work that business is not in question here. The business is great. The thing here today is there should be policies and personnel manuals and people have that responsibility. The director should be more focused on his business and the protection of the Tribe and his employees. You guys can come here and tell the great stories about propane and nobody doubts that Sheldon but there is rules and policies in place for everybody, even you. So, lets stop questioning the propane company. It's great. The thing we are here for today is about, let's get some policies in place and when we get a board at NCDC, let's get it there. Let's do what we're supposed to do. Let's do what we're supposed to do.

COUNCILMAN RAININGBIRD: Can we adopt Standing Rock's policies and procedures or do we need to create our own.

SHELDON KING: We are the only Tribe that in the area that's ever called the Natural Propane Association. We brought them to the tribal chambers.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I make a motion to table it.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I'll second it.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #6 ON THE AGENDA
 Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.
ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			

Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADD PUTTING MORNINGSTAR PROPANE & SANITATION UNDER THE NORTHER CHEYENNE TRIBE'S PERSONNEL POLICIES

Motion made by Torrey Davie. Second by Theresa Small.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse				X
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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HUBERT BLACKWOLF ADDRESSES THE COUNCIL REGARDING PROPANE

COUNCILWOMAN SMALL LEFT THE MEETING AT 11:20 A.M.

ITEM #7 – ROW OF BIA FOR BROADBAND – NIZHONI FRIESZ

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council consenting to rights of way on tribal tracts on the reservation for the purpose of providing broadband to tribal homes and businesses.

WHEREAS, to complete the broadband project, NCCC will need rights of way on approximately 232 Tribally owned, majority-Tribally owned, or any tracts that contain Tribal

undivided interest, on the Reservation many of which are already subject to other rights of way (identified in the attachment to this Resolution) hereinafter (“Right of Way Tracts”); and

WHEREAS, NCCC and the Tribe agree the rights of way within the Right of Way Tracts will be for a for a period of 25 years, with an option to renew without the Tribe’s consent for another 25 years, for a maximum term of 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council understands that NCCC will be the owner and operator of the permanent improvements constructed within the Right of Way Tracts during the term of the rights of way and as the owner of the improvements will be responsible for all decommissioning of the infrastructure, following the termination of the rights of way.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
CONSENTING TO RIGHTS OF WAY ON TRIBAL TRACTS ON THE
RESERVATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING BROADBAND TO
TRIBAL HOMES AND BUSINESSES**

Motion made by Nizhoni Friesz. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #8 – FERREL HORSES – GENE SMALL

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF FERAL HORSES FROM THE NORTHERN
CHEYENNE FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS – INVASIVE SPECIES (IS)
PROGRAM.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			

Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #9 – CLERK OF COURT – GENE SMALL

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council concurring with the nomination and appointment of the clerk of court.

WHEREAS, Chief Trial Judge has nominated Keisha Howe to serve as the Clerk of Court for the Northern Cheyenne Judicial Branch through the current Chief Judges term of office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal President and Tribal Council support this nomination and appoints Keisha Howe as the Clerk of Courts for the Northern Cheyenne Judicial Branch until his successor is appointed; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby supports and concurs with the nomination and appointment of Keisha Howe to serve as the Clerk of Court for the Northern Cheyenne Judicial Branch until his successor is appointed, effective immediately upon signature of this resolution by the President.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL CONCURRING WITH THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE COURT CLERK

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Donavin Limberhand.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear		X		
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote		X		
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President		X		
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			

Melissa Fisher	X			
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7 vote(s) Yes	3 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried	
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ITEM #10 – LIFTT – MELISSA FISHER

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I will make a motion to table this since no one is here to present it.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #10 ON THE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand				X
Theresa Small				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried	
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ITEM #11 – MORNINGSTAR PROPANE & SANITATION UNDER NCT PERSONNEL POLICIES – TORREY DAVIE

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: This will put them under Denise. A binding document putting them under Denise as HR. It will also be a binding document putting them under finances procurement policy. They follow micro, minor and major purchase protocol. They also follow all as far as vehicles go. Also breaks, leave and things of that nature. They fall under the tribe's policies.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO MOVE THE MORNINGSTAR PROPANE AND SANITATION UNDER THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE'S PERSONNEL AND PROCUREMENT POLICIES.

Motion made by Torrey Davie. Second by Melissa Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			

Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Howard Ontiveros.


ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Howard Ontiveros	X			
Stefan Rainingbird	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Theresa Small				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:47 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 11 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstention on this 20th day of March 2025.


 Edina Redstar, Secretary
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe