

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

**RESCHEDULED SESSION**

**MINUTES**  
January 19, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Donna Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Henry Speelman

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk *Briefly left session</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Serena Wetherelt, Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Donna Fisher, President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Announcements

Henry Speelman: Item #9, I suggest that we remove that resolution and replace it with the approval of contract with Montana Indian Law Clinic. I would also like to add one on, for #11, the Resolution establishing a Criminal Investigation Unit for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. Mr. Grinsell sent this and wants to get started with this through their Law Enforcement Unit. I would like to make that motion.

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk *Briefly left session</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Serena Wetherelt, Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher *Briefly left session</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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Norma Gournea: Madame President, I would like to give an update later on the Community Justice Project, informally.

Donna Fisher: Okay, yes.

**ELDERLY UPDATE**

Silver Little Eagle: On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be butchering two cows and will be distributing them at the Elderly Program.

**Melissa Fisher and Lane Spotted Elk entered the session @ 11:02 A.M.**

**Keene Bends entered the session @ 11:03 A.M.**

Lane Spotted Elk: I suggest that we break and do a Budget/Finance meeting so that we can pass associated resolutions later.

Donna Fisher: Okay, let's recess for 30 minutes.

**RECESS @ 11:04 A.M.**

Norma Gourneau presented on Community Justice Project.  
 Agenda Item #8 was presented by Heather Cahoon—American Indian Governance Policy Institute. Presentation was informational only.  
 Budget/Finance meeting discussions took place.

**BUDGET/FINANCE MEETING ADJOURNED @ 1:33 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED @ 1:34 P.M.**

**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 Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			

Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Eva Foote *Teleconference	X			

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

No updates at this time.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION TO PASS THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk *Briefly left session				X
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Eva Foote *Teleconference	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**Diane Spotted Elk entered session via Teleconference @ 1:49P.M.**

**DISTRICT UPDATE**

**Lame Deer District Update**

Lame Deer District Sergeant of Arms, Max Guavera updated the council on the local shelter and how the food distribution has been going. They also hope to distribute some of the food boxes in Ashland, and are expecting more shipments.

**Muddy District Update**

No updates at this time.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF FUNDS EARNED UNDER THE REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH COMMNET FOR LOBBYIST PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk *Teleconference	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Eva Foote *Teleconference	X			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Lane Spotted Elk: Let's schedule a time later this week for everyone to sit down and develop a scope of work for this and see what we're looking for in a lobbyist. Thank you.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NEW COMPANY FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. THE MORNING STAR SANITATION BUSINESS WILL BE CREATED UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND SUPERVISED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN AND BOARD**

Lane Spotted Elk: We need to figure out where the origination of this loan is coming from. I think we need further discussion on that, maybe using the profits from Morning Star Propane to lend the subsidiary capital. We need to look at the financials to see if it makes sense or not. I think we should have a separate working session on this.

Donna Fisher: If the council went ahead and passed this resolution, and struck out the parts, like the financial and business plan parts, then you would have a separate resolution for that.

Melissa Fisher: It's \$254,000...or \$256,000.

Lane Spotted Elk: I think we can identify that funding source. We can look at the budget and see what we need to move.

Donna Fisher: Yeah, let's keep it moving and then do the financials.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk *Teleconference	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Eva Foote *Teleconference	X			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MONTANA INDIAN LAW CLINIC**

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk *Teleconference	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Eva Foote *Teleconference	X			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF FUNDS EARNED UNDER THE REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH COMMNET TO ASSIST WITH MATCHING FUNDS FOR DEPT OF COMMERCE GRANT-FUND 437** Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Lane Spotted Elk.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			

Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk *Teleconference	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Eva Foote *Teleconference	X			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ESTABLISHING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT FOR THE NORTHERN  
CHEYENNE TRIBE**

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk *Teleconference	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Eva Foote *Teleconference	X			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b> *Teleconference	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b> *Teleconference	<b>X</b>			

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 2:14 P.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 abstentions this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

Nizhoni Robinson, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

