

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

RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES
August 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Peña called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

INVOCATION: Geofredo “Tweety” Littlebird

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Debra Charette	X		
Philip Beckman		X	
Eva Foote	X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
Merlin Sioux		X	Medical
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X		
Waylon Rogers	X		
Dana Eaglefeathers	X		
Winfield Russell, Vice President	X		
Rynalea Peña, President	X		

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Peña-Mr. Eaglefeathers, why do we have personnel on the agenda?

Dana Eaglefeathers-At the last meeting there was some directives that you and the liaisons had 10 days and the 10 days had lapsed.

President Peña -I did pass out a packet here. I did not hear from the liaisons. I need to know where the money is going to come from.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The process should have been appointment and we could have gone through the process.

Ernest Littlemouth-We have a church group in Birney from Mississippi this week. They have stuff going on every day. They’re going to show a movie and Thursday is adult day.

Diane Spottedelk-Do we have transportation for it for other districts to attend?

President Peña -Who is sponsoring?

Ernest Littlmeouth-It's call Hope Church from Mississippi. They start at 9:30 every day. The trip to Arapahoe was good, the diabetes program.

Dana Eaglefeathers-On August 21st we've been working with the state CPS office. We're trying to help our Cheyenne kids come home that are in the system. See if someone, if not all of us can attend. Per the President's request, I tried to set up a follow up meeting. That's been three weeks ago. The case that's going up to the adoption committee, it's that Fercho case. They're asking that the President/Vice President to attend.

Debra Charette-Where at?

Dana Eaglefeathers-Great Falls

DISTRICT UPDATE-SHELDON KING

Sheldon King-We did finish our hall. We had all the stuff that was put there that was purchased. I had four guys get in there and finish it in 2.5 days. I want to do a Boys & Girls Club. We want to allocate that as a spot. Our water is still down. There was some stuff we had taken care of. We had \$28,000 for a baseball field. We need bathrooms, and maybe we can reallocate that money for bathrooms and showers. We're all moving forward in Busby. We're getting ready for our backpacks. We had \$862 for backpacks from our Indian Relay. Let's do our part as a community and we'll come together and find a solution. We have a pretty good crew up there.

President Peña -I'm having a monthly meeting with all the chairs. We're trying to meet with the Chair of each district with myself and my office. We'll provide lunch.

Sheldon King-I've been in contact with the guy that owned Crow Merc, to try to get their air conditioner.

Henry Speelman-Everyone silence your phones.

President Peña -Friday the 16th, we have a Tribal Holiday. I'm in Billings on the 14th & 15th with Tribal Leaders.

ENROLLMENT-WALLACE BEARCHUM

Dana Eaglefeathers-Where are we at with the new enrollment Ordinance? Did we do the process? Did we take it out to districts? Every time you come to the floor, there's 50, 80, 100 that are getting adopted to the tribe.

Wallace Bearchum-I gave it out in June.

Henry Speelman-We said we would have a working session, we'll put it on the next meeting.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Monday?

Henry Speelman-Yes.

Dana Eaglefeathers-If they relinquish, can they re-enroll again?

Debra Charette-Yes.

Kristina Quaempts-How do you guys justify an Ordinance superseding our constitution. I don't remember that going out to the membership relinquishing that half? How does the Council

Lavonda Brady-Do you guys provide a family tree? Do you ask family members if they approve it? I heard that a man in Busby got \$60,000 and another person got paid \$10,000. At some point, you're going to have to include family members. No one is protecting our blood quantum. Where is the documentation? The committee approved it, but my brother didn't sign the paternity. The child got enrolled. The lady isn't from here. There was no signature on the father's side, the child got enrolled. You have to develop something. The Council is supposed to protect the memberships rights. There's ways of proving it. You're not protecting the membership.

Debra Charette-The committee does provide a family tree. The applicant puts one on there. They print out their information they have on file.

Lavonda Brady-There was a lady that told me, Ernie Robinson has a card that says he's over half. We know the family, how can that happen? Someone didn't protect our blood quantum. What options do you have? That lied about it and Can you guys prosecute someone? We know what they look like, I went around looking at a lot of people, you look at the color of their skin. Those people that are a quarter, their still dark skinned. Most of the time, that's what I've seen. You look at Ernie Robinson, he has blue eyes, brown hair, and light skin. You have to protect it, you're the Council. There are some laws, there's nothing there that protects them. What are you going to do with those that violate that? Falsifying information. How did they get around doing that? You know a lot of people are messing around with it. You have to do something.

Kristina Quaempts-What's taking so long? To redo that Ordinance? I've seen old minutes. One of the officials, there was a family that adopted children that weren't even his into the tribe.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The new Ordinance has DNA and Blood Quantum and everything.

Kristina Quaempts-It still doesn't supersede the constitution.

Dana Eaglefeathers-This body has tabled this two times.

Kristina Quaempts-It should go out to the people.

President Peña -He presented here, there was only 7 of us here.

Dana Eaglefeathers-It was presented to the previous Council as well.

Lavonda Brady-If you read the constitution the Council to vote, you have to be more than half as well. Cobell said we have to give all that money back. Each person should have received \$25,000, we got \$2,500.

Kristina Quaempts-Was the unclaimed per cap given out?

Debra Charette-It's still sitting there.

Kristina Quaempts-So my sister can still get her per cap?

President Peña -I'm still signing per cap checks.

Kristina Quaempts-I'll bring her paperwork in.

Lane Spottedelk-Unclaimed percaps, you have to go through tribal enrollment. Maybe the enrollment chair can help you through that process.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF SEVEN (7) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Lane Spottedelk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE (53) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				

Lane Spotted Elk			X	
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers		X		
Vice President Russell		X		

6 votes Yes 2 votes No 1 Abstention Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS. Motion made by Debra Charette.

Second by Lane Spottedelk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF SIX (6) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Lane Spottedelk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

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 SIXTEEN (16) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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BUDGETS-LANE SPOTTEDELK

Vice President Russell-I want to add something. It says here “Tribal Council with recommendations by Administration”. Has this been taken to Administration.

Lane Spottedelk-I think the first one, on August 1st. Basically the 2nd one, there’s too main changes, one is to increase the President’s assistant from part time to full time.

Vice President Russell-Did the budget committee consider letting the Administration know?

Lane Spottedelk-We have to make the minor changes.

President Peña -We don’t see it and we see it on the floor.

Dana Eaglefeathers-It was recommended by the President.

Lane Spottedelk-What will be helpful is redoing the plan of operations, and setting a meeting date.

Debra Charette-Meeting our deadlines, the IDC ones we need to get.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Soemtimes there’s emergencies that come right before the Council Meeting.

President Peña -That’s our weakness, setting dates and keeping the dates. Like Land Authority is off schedule again. That’s how it is with all the committees, you ended to be inconsistent.

Dana Eaglefeathers-It was discovered that Councilwoman Spottedelk is not the Land Committee Chair. Philip Beckman is.

Diane Spottedelk-What a relief.

President Peña -Our committee meetings we need to pay attention to them.

Debra Charette-When I was Chair, I try to round people up, I do not want to hold up any progress.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 269-272. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: 100-050. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CASH TRANSFER FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT JA9154-12-9 FOR THE FY19 TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIPS. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers		X		
Vice President Russell	X			

8 votes Yes	1 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Debra Charette-Can we get numbers and amounts?

Rennie will do a memo to the Directors for an update for a quarterly meeting.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Did you ever have a meeting with Fire Protection.

Henry Speelman-Mr. Braided Hair was going to set up a meeting.

MINUTES-MELISSA LONEBEAR

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 3, 2019. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Lane Spottedelk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell			X	

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: JULY 2, 2019. Motion made by Lane Spottededlk. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote			X	
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

8 votes Yes 0 votes No 1 Abstention Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: JULY 15, 2019. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

GAMING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT-TABLED

TERO COMMISSION APPOINTMENT-TABLED

HEADSTART DIRECTOR-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Executive Session @ 5:03 p.m.

Exit Executive Session @ 6:16 p.m.

Mary Ann Fisher-What are you going to do with her? Terminate her?

President Peña-This is a personnel issue, I won't discuss it.

MOTION MADE BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS TO PUT THE HEADSTART DIRECTOR ON A 60 DAY PROBATION AND DIRECT THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR, WILLIAM WALKSALONG, TO ADDRESS ALL COMPLAINTS WITHIN 30 DAYS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette		X		
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk		X		
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk		X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.		X		
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell		X		

4 votes Yes 5 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

CELL TOWER REVENUE-PPCD-LANE SPOTTEDELK

Lane Spottedelk-This is to generate revenue

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS EARNED UNDER THE REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH COMMNET FOR STARTUP COSTS OF MORNING STAR CREDIT UNION. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

Bilford Curley-I work for American Institute for many years, I work with Mildred Eaglefeathers, and Wallace Bearchum, we are sponsoring a gathering for youth and elderly. We're sponsoring a gathering. They asked me why I wanted to put in the bid. One of the reasons why, I would

like to have the American institute, there's been far too much back stabbing, gossip, and jealousy. Number 2 there's been a lot of suicides, there's a drug problem. Other diseases are taking lives. The reason why, I care for our people. That's why we put in for that bid, to help our people. I want your support, we're not asking for money but we need support. We're asking the Executive Director for American Indian Institute. Francine Spang is the Executive Director. They will provide camping equipment. We would appreciate your support with other programs for safety and health. Those are things, we'll get the packet together and who should I give it to. I can have her come explain, everything is positive and it's really important for our people. I've been with museum in Buffalo, WY. I've been working with Geri Girl. They want to work with a female, that has accomplished a lot. We want to make sure we have a delegation there. One that stands out is Carol Redcherries granddaughter.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman				
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 7 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 1 abstention this 7th day of October 2019.

Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe