

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

**RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

December 28, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Diane Spotted Elk

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY- APPOINTMENT OF LORNA SOLDIER WOLF AS ACTING TRIBAL SECRETARY FOR THIS COUNCIL MEETING.** Motion made by Sargent at Arms Henry Speelman. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spottedelk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Silver Littleeagle				X
Lane Spottedelk	X			
Gwen Talawayma	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Vice President Wetherelt	X			

**10 votes Yes      1 vote No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		VIA Teleconference
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
Silver Little Eagle		X	
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Philip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X		

<b>Donna Fisher, President</b>	<b>X</b>		
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Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AGENDA ADDITION – ADD LAND PURCHASE OF SPOTTED WOLF PROPERTY**

Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 vote No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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No Elderly Update

No District Update

Budgets – Lane Spottedelk would like this to be moved to the end of agenda.

Minutes – No minutes provided at this time, will table for next meeting.

**TRIBAL SECRETARY APPOINTMENT-LANE SPOTTEDELK**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT NIZHONI ROBINSON AS THE SECRETARY OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Norma Gourneau.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>		<b>X</b>		

<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	<b>X</b>			

**8 votes Yes      2 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**TRIBAL TREASURER APPOINTMENT-LANE SPOTTEDELK**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT CHRISTIAN KEEN BENDS AS THE TREASURER OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Norma Gourneau.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	<b>X</b>			

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

**PACIFIC WIND LLC APPROVAL – LANE SPOTTEDELK**

**RESOLUTION FOR APROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO LETTER OF INTENT WITH PACIFIC WIND, LLC FOR POTENTIAL LARGE-SCALE WIND FARM.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Norma Gourneau.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>1 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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Lane – Ask for a point of clarification from Councilman Speelman as to why he voted no.

Henry – Clarification is because it's a touchy subject and they had everyone running around for three months when they were doing legal study and I think they need better government informing Tribe on what's going on.

Lane – Maybe we can propose as a tribal leadership to sit down and discuss some of those topics.

**ASHLAND & BIRNEY DISTRICT HALL RENOVATIONS- MELISSA FISHER**

**RESOLUTION TO SOLE SOURCE RENOVATIONS TO ASHLAND AND BIRNEY DISTRICT HALLS TO LITTLE COYOTE CONSTRUCTION.** Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

Lane – Would like to make a comment to insert a whereas that Tribal Council has the authority to deviate from the Procurement Manual and finds it in the best interest to approve the sole source to deviate and approve sole source.

Eva- Henry who is getting the contract?

Henry- Little Coyote Construction who is

Melissa- CJ Litte Coyote Construction Company, Little Coyote Construction

Lane – I believe they have their all their TERO Certs and everything is good. And I also maybe just too on the fourth whereas recommend recognize the need due to the COVID-19 Pandemic because that is the reason we are sole sourcing because of the Covid-19 Pandemic to assist in getting the distribution centers up and running.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PRIORITY PLAN – VICE PRESIDENT SERENA WETHERELT.**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION AND PRIORITZATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN, INCLUDING**

**THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND ITS MEMBERS, REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION THROUGH OPERATION WARP SPEED, AND OTHER VACCINE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.** Motion made by Vice President Wetherelt. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	X			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	X			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	X			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	X			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				X
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	X			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	X			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	X			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	X			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	X			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**NCT BOARD OF HEALTH CONSULTANT EXTENTION – DIANE SPOTTEDELK**

Lane- Quick comment, is there a contract now, dollar amount?

Norma - \$65,000 for 12 months plus mileage, per diem, lodging and pre-approved airfare

Diane- Where is that?

Debbie- It runs through January 2022, Is there a clause in there for we can end this before the time

Norma- Page 3

Diane- (Reads page 3 termination clause)

Debbie-It says to retain him; did we already have him as a consultant?

Diane- No, I don't think he was under a contract but I know he was giving some guidance to Board of Health and he went up and did a tour in Ft. Peck

Philip- I think retain in that aspect is the same as in to retain him as in retaining a lawyer. You don't have the lawyer but you are retaining the lawyer. Same Concept in language I believe.

Norma- I have a question, Madam President, At the end of this contract, what will be the end result?

President Fisher – I do not know; this is the first time I am looking at this contract

Phillip – Years ago when we came on we went to Ft Peck to look at the THIP Program. Lane and Henry can contest to this we spoke about it, the end product to this we will have a fully functioning in school nursing program This will help our high school students, college aides, and a wide range of people. This will bring us closer to running our own thing here. I really don't see a downside to any of this. We have an opportunity to do that with Mr. Smoker.

Debbie – okay it says the contactor shall provide assistance if necessary to implement the plan for school based health care, what is the school based health care?

Henry – School based health care is they are doing all their dental cleaning; when children are sick they charge for all that. That’s why board of health is brings in, its department is bringing in almost 16 million a year. Their plans are building a day care, they started their wellness center.

Diane – Plus the benefits of the high school students that will be recruited into the medical field and get training there during high school.

Norma- Who is paying for all this?

Diane – THIP

President Fisher- How far are we deviating away from the policy manual? How much money are we deviating away from the manual?

Debbie – Contract needs to add the source of funding

Norma – The contract is between Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Contractor

Melissa – can we table for further review?

Norma- The Contract is good we just want make sure that when the president signs the contract everything is in there that is going to apply so down the road we don’t get this big bill that says we owe him this much because it doesn’t say the funding

Diane – So specify funding source in contract

Lane – and in the resolution as well

Melissa – I think this should be verified before we take action

Diane – I think it is very important to get this passed today. It’s as easy as making a phone call to get clarification

President Fisher – We should call now and get clarification now.

**2:42 pm – Eugene Little Coyote BOH Director joins meeting via telephone.**

Diane- There are questions on Kenny Smoker Contract, they would like to know the funding source, who will be paying him?

Eugene – We have sufficient funding under several professional services line items

Diane – I guess This will be needed to be include in resolution and contract

Eugene – Sure

Diane – Can you tell us where the source of this funding will be coming from?

Eugene – I will get with Anna Weaselbear , Director of Budgets, and put in fund numbers

Debbie – You could put in there that Board of Health will cover all costs of this contract and put it in the resolution and in the contract.

Eugene – Board of Health will cover all costs

Lane – Another Comment, there are four different sections under the scope of work, do you think \$65,000.00 will fit within, do you think that will go over because that is quite an extensive list.

Eugene – This seems low but Kenny assured me he would not go through all of it. He wanted it even lower but I tried to give it a little bit of leeway from what were negotiating earlier.

Philip – With his scope of work and the way it is laid out, for his time, it is not a salaried position, it not a full week of work it is a as needed.

**RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO DIVIATE FROM THE POLICIES SET FORTH IN THE PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING MANUAL TO RETAIN CONSULTANT KENNY SMOKER’S SERVICES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE BOARD OF HEALTH’S SCHOOL BASED HEALTHCARE AND OTHER INITIATIVES.** Motion made by Diane Spottedelk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	<b>X</b>			

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

**LAND PURCHASE (SPOTTEDWOLF PROPERTY) – LANE SPOTTEDELK**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 40 ACRES (SPOTTEDWOLF PROPERTY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Melissa Fisher.

Lane – Two years of carryover will be used to secure funding.

Henry – What exactly will this land be used for?

Melissa – It will belong to the tribe

President Fisher- The components of our equine, there are several things it could be used for. It will be the tribes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	<b>X</b>			

**9 votes Yes      1 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**BUDGETS – LANE SPOTTED ELK**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FIRST SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT PL7320-70-5 FOR THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	X			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	X			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	X			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	X			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				X
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	X			
<b>Gwen Talawayma</b>	X			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	X			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	X			
<b>Vice President Wetherelt</b>	X			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR BUDGETS 662-138B.** Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Phillip Beckman.

Norma- Agrees with budgets except for 272, 108, 136. Cannot vote yes to those budgets. 272 budgeting does not seem right; I cannot believe the program has this much carryover. 108 – I do not agree with. I previously voted yes to the other budgets.

Lane – A solution, I would propose to break up these resolutions into two. The Tribal Council has the authority to modify budgets.

Melissa- are you withdrawing your motion?

Lane – Yes, I withdraw my motion. I would like to modify the motion and separate into two separate resolutions.

Melissa – Right now how are they operating?

Lane – On Carryover funds

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	X			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	X			
<b>Diane Spottedelk</b>	X			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	X			
<b>Silver Littleeagle</b>				X
<b>Lane Spottedelk</b>	X			



Gwen Talawayma	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Vice President Wetherelt	X			

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR BUDGETS 272, 108, and 136. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Phillip Beckman.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau		X		
Eva Foote		X		
Diane Spottedelk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Silver Littleeagle				X
Lane Spottedelk	X			
Gwen Talawayma	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Vice President Wetherelt		X		

**7 votes Yes      3 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Debbie Charette. Second by Lane Spottedelk.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spottedelk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Silver Littleeagle				X
Lane Spottedelk	X			
Gwen Talawayma	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Vice President Wetherelt	X			

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

**ADJOURNED @ 3:05 P.M.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.



Lorna Soldier Wolf, Acting Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe