

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

February 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Peña called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m.

INVOCATION: Diane Spottedelk

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Debra Charette	X		
Philip Beckman	X		
Eva Foote		X	
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
Merlin Sioux	X		
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-I apologize for starting late. We had another meeting scheduled at 8:30 a.m.

Merlin Sioux-We should be here and start on time. I want to know where that \$180,000 is going to come from for Grazing Board. It ain't just you. How many times have I been back in here. I came through that door at 10:00 this morning. You should resign, I want you out by 4:00 today.

President Peña-We just got done with Land Authority.

ELDERLY UPDATE-NOT PRESENT

DISTRICT UPDATE-AMANDA WHITESHIRT

Amanda Whiteshirt-I am the Vice Chair for Lame Deer. There's some issues, the last two meetings, we've been locked out of the Council Chambers. I have respect for the Council, I ask that you remove people that are loud and being unruly. I was amazed and upset about that. I

didn't care how people were picking on certain council people, it was getting wild. I would like to talk about workers for the tribe, there has to be equalization for people that work here.

BUDGETS-LANE SPOTTEDELK

APPROVAL OF STREET SWEEPER PURCHASE. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk.
Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Lane Spottedelk-I would like to recognize Merlin and Debbie for getting the funding for this purchase.

Merlin-They were fighting us over \$100,000 but we got almost \$300,00.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN NORTHWESTERN ENERGY RATE SETTING PROCEEDING AND ASSOCIATED PAYMENT AND RETENTION OF LOCAL COUNSEL. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Philip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MINUTES-MELISSA LONEBEAR

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: October 7, 2019. Motion made by Philip Beckman. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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GRAZING RATE REDUCTION-MERLIN SIOUX

Merlin Sioux-I want to drop the rate for the next cycle. I'd like to drop it to \$12.50. With Land Authority, there an administrative fee for \$30,000. I'm trying to get it figured out. Alottees need to be paid.

President Peña-I agree.

MOTION MADE BY MERLIN SIOUX TO TABLE THE GRAZING RATE REDUCTION AGENDA ITEM. SECOND BY HENRY SPEELMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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FINANCIAL MANGMENT POLICY REVISION-LANE SPOTTEDELK

President Pena-What’s the purpose of this?

Lane Spottedelk-To coincide with the current OMB Circulars. It will simplify the process and timelines. There’s a three pronged approach, basically aligning ourselves with federal thresholds.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT REVISED PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING MANUAL PURCHASING THRESHOLDS. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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ENDORSEMENT-SHANE MORIGEAU FOR STATE AUDITOR-LANE SPOTTEDELK

Lane Spottedelk-Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders also endorsed him.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ENDORSING SHANE MORIGEAU IN HIS CANDIDACY TO BECOME STATE AUDITOR. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Eva Foote				
Diane Spottedelk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux	X			
Lane Spottedelk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth				
Waylon Rogers	X			

Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

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RESCIND FEE RATE MORATORIUM NCUC-ADAM SPANG

Dana Eaglefeathers-I thought we discussed that commercial was at least 30%.

Adam Spang-We will do a rate study.

Amanda Whiteshirt-I would like to see a sliding scale. Where is the standard rate? How much money is for employees? There has been inadequate record keeping, and the water discharge. Those should already be in place. The Tribal Council shouldn't give up any authority over tribal programs.

Henry Speelman-This is just commercial rates at this time.

Lane Spottedelk-NCUC, to show they will be a viable business. We would like to have the best equipment.

Merlin Sioux-When was the last time you had an audit?

Cowboy Fisher-They said the last time was in 2006.

Merlin Sioux-It's really important. I asked about the census for funding. We need an accurate count.

Dana Eaglefeathers-We had a meeting in Billings, this was the easiest way to get more money. They're not going to touch the residential rates. We will work on getting an audit.

Cowboy Fisher-We want to become autonomous so we can raise the rate. We are going to have to raise the moratorium on residential.

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION DOI-224 (2009), WHICH IMPOSED A MORATORIUM ON WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES BY THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE UTILITIES COMMISSION, AND RECOMMENDING RAISING COMMERCIAL UTILITY RATES AND CONDUCTING A UTILITY RATE STUDY.

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Lane Spottedelk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth				
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

9 votes Yes 0 votes No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

NORTHERN CHEYENNE SEARCH & RESCUE RECOGNITION-PHILIP BECKMAN

Philip Beckman-The resolution for this is forthcoming. The former recognition helps them to qualify for grant funding for equipment, etc. Theresa Small has been the boots on the ground person.

Theresa Small-We couldn't be where we are without everyone. Our officers are: Frank Backbone-Chair, Brian Blackwolf-Vice Chair, Kateri Foote-Secretary. We need resources, that's why we're here. We need volunteers/people.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM. Motion made by Philip Beckman. Second by Lane Spottedelk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Lane Spottedelk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Lane Spottedelk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth				
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 1:38 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 25th day of March 2020.

Melissa Lonebear, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe