

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

SPECIAL SESSION

MINUTES

November 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Pena called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

INVOCATION: Philip Beckman

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	
Rynalea Peña, President	X		

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ernest Littlemouth-It was a pleasure and honor to be working with you guys the last four years. I hope you continue what you're doing. Ha-ho.

Merlin Sioux-I appreciated everything. Carry on and do better for our Tribe. Continue on with good intentions and protect our resources.

President Peña-This is a special. Thank you for allowing me to be in this position as the President of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. I hope that we continue to do everything that you can for our people, homeland, and resources, renewable energy, our language. We lost our Vice President and he had a strong passion for our language.

Diane Spottedelk-I'd like to follow up on rescinding the boat storage resolution for NCDC.

Recess @ 12:50 p.m.

Reconvene @ 1:26 p.m.

Merlin Sioux-I would like to table #3 & #4 until the Council gets in for the new elected to decide?

MOTION MADE BY MERLIN SIOUX TO TABLE AGENDA ITEMS (#3 & #4 – CONSTITUTION REVISION TEAM AND FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD). SECOND BY DEBRA CHARETTE.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2 votes Yes 6 votes No 1 Abstention Motion Failed

CONSTITUTION REVISION TEAM-PRESIDENT PENA

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING MEMBERS FROM THE FIVE RESERVATION DISTRICTS TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL CONSTITUTION REVISION TEAM. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Philip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD-PRESIDENT PENA

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE FIVE RESERVATION DISTRICTS TO A

NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD. Motion made by Philip Beckman. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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Break @ 2:08 p.m.

Reconvene @ 2:14 p.m.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETS-LANE SPOTTEDELK

Lane Spottedelk-I mentioned, the plan is to sit down and go over the budget. We can go through it line by line. I'd like to schedule it for Wednesday.

President Peña-I've been without a PR for quite a while. Before I go out, I would like to help some people.

Eva Foote-I would like to pass just that.

Lane Spottedelk-We have a budget shortfall with this pandemic. We don't want to deplete the PR. I recommend that we wait. In short term, we can look at getting a PR for everybody.

Eva Foote-Half of it at least, to start out.

Lane Spottedelk-The other option is the charity.

Diane Spottedelk-NCDC still has not given money to the Tribe for charity.

President Peña-When we do get charity, my office isn't involved with it.

Diane Spottedelk-We do have CARES Act to assist with water and electricity. LIHEAP has crisis money also.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FUNDS (\$2,000). Motion made by Eva Foote. Second by Diane Spottedelk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

7 votes Yes 1 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

FORENSIC AUDIT-PHILIP BECKMAN

Diane Spottedelk-Is there a length of time?

Philip Beckman-The original length was one year.

Break @ 2:41 p.m.

Reconvene @ 3:02 p.m.

APPROVAL AGREEMENT FOR FORENSIC AUDIT SERVICES. Motion made by Philip Beckman. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AGENDA ADDITION-NCTHA RESOLUTIONS (2). Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Philip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			

Philip Beckman	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spottedelk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux	X			
Lane Spottedelk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth	X			
Waylon Rogers				
Dana Eaglefeathers				

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

MINUTES-TRIBAL SECRETARY

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: June 4, 2020. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Philip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: July 9, 2020. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: October 19, 2020. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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TBPG PROPOSAL-FONDA REDFOX

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2021 TRIBAL BUSINESS PLANNING GRANT (TBPG PROPOSAL TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION'S INDIAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ICED) PROGRAM TO FUND BUSINESS PLANNING, INDIRECT COST AND THE PHYSICAL BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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NCTHA CARES ACT-LANE SPOTTEDELK

Lane Spottedelk-We're looking at additional appropriations for the CARES Act. Under the existing MOU, there's a proposal to increase the ceiling.

Rodney Trahan-We've had a number of things that came up that didn't fall under the original MOA. We've found that we're going to run on the \$200,000, we're doubling that. There's been discussion on the positions of Scott Small and John Grinsell. We went back and pulled the salary expenses. We projected from today until the end of the year for those salary expenses. The salaries did not include fringe and payroll taxes. We didn't budget hazard pay and we've run out as of this last payperiod.

Merlin Sioux-We love to help our tribal programs. We have Morning Star Propane, a tribal business. We have this tribal business and we were told you were using Amerigas.

Rodney Trahan-They don't have the tank size that we need.

Philip Beckman-I'm sure they can get it.

Debra Charette-Amerigas tortured our people.

Rodney Trahan-We have to get bids, we still have to get quotes.

Philip Beckman-The concern is the company, they're continuing to mistreat our people. I believe that they shouldn't be allowed on this reservation at all. It doesn't make sense to send money off our reservation, there's a resolution in place to use tribal businesses.

Rodney Trahan-The one thing is they don't have 500 gallon tanks. All I request is that he contact me as a professional.

Philip Beckman-We're getting employment numbers, and with the deadline coming up, Housing Authority has answered the call.

Merlin Sioux-We can help accommodate, we can get tanks and use CARES Act funding. We are going to support our own business.

Rodney Trahan-We are requesting that \$200 per month be utilized toward water, electricity, or propane per unit. When a low rent tenants electricity gets shut off, we get a lot of burned out stoves and sockets this time of year. In a lot of respects, we have a vested interest.

Eva Foote-What about wood stoves?

Rodney Trahan-We're trying to phase those out because they are a safety hazard. Insurance won't over it.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CARES ACT FUNDING EXPENDITURES TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (NCTHA). Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Philip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			

Philip Beckman	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spottedelk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux	X			
Lane Spottedelk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth	X			
Waylon Rogers				
Dana Eaglefeathers				

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

AGENDA ADDITION-COVID 19 LEAVE POLICY. Motion made by Debra Charette.
Second by Philip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

COVID 19 LEAVE POLICY-DEBRA CHARETTE

William Walksalong-It feels different with no Vice President. It's very rare that someone passes away during their term. Every morning he would bring cedar to my office.

William Walksalong-This all falls back on COVID 19. There's no emergency leave in our current policy. The President issued a memorandum establishing emergency leave. People that were high risk, exposed, sick, children in need of care at home, they were given wide open authority to stay home. Many of them stayed home. If people deplete their leave, they have to apply for FMLA. You have to apply for this emergency paid leave. I have confidence in attorney Naas' draft. It's up to the Tribal Council.

Denise Swank-The draft pretty much covers everything. The Federal mandate and the State.

William Walksalong-There is a stack of memorandums that went out. For this particular issue, it's having people come back to work.

Lane Spottedelk-Does this proposed legislation address long term systematic issues?

Debra Charette-It's effective November 9th.

Denise Swank-This policy has a review date of December.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A TEMPORARY COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS LEAVE POLICY FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL EMPLOYEES. Motion made by Philip Beckman. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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BUDGETS-LANE SPOTTEDELK

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: 215B-739. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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SATELLITE SERVICE UNIT-IHS-LANE SPOTTEDELK

Eugene Littlecoyote-One of the formal concerns in writing, was that tribal leaders wanted satellite clinics. There has been no significant action on this. It has been reported that every reservation except for our has satellite clinics. Our attorney put the final touches on this. In the past IHS governing body meetings, they make over 10 million dollars in revenue from third party billing.

Eva Foote-Does that also go with dialysis?

Eugene Littlecoyote-No, but it can be worked in. The planning should take into account on a local dialysis.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ADVISING THE BILLINGS AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TO MARSHAL THE NECESSARY FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF SATELLITE SERVICE UNIT CLINICS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION. Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Philip Beckman.

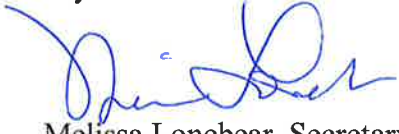
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes 0 vote No 0 Abstentions Motion Carried

ADJOURNED @ 4:18 P.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 7th day of December 2020.



Melissa Lonebear, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe