

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

RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION

**INAUGURATION FOR PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT AT CHARGING HORSE
CASINO AT 10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES
January 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Peña called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

INVOCATION: Rosalie Birdwoman

ROLL CALL:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Merlin Sioux | X | | |
| Lane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | Arr. 2:34 p.m. |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Winfield Russell, Vice President | X | | |
| Rynalea Peña, President | X | | |

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debra Charette-Welcome to the newly elected administration. Hopefully, we can all work together and move forward.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I also want to welcome everyone. I've heard in the speeches, unity, we all need to work together. There is always rumors and heresay, when something is said about me, I want to bring it to the table. One rumor was about me receiving a \$10,000 payment. I said I would bring that up here, so here it is.

Henry Speelman-You told me your side this morning. I'm still investigating.

Lane Spotted Elk-I think it's important to stick to the agenda, President. There will be at time and place.

Merlin Sioux-We did our 1:00 phone conference today with Westmoreland. It will all be in the papers. We need to pay attention, we do have tribal members working there.

Dana Eaglefeathers-We need to move number thirteen to the top of the agenda.

QUORUM RESTORATION-HENRY SPEELMAN

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING QUORUM REQUIREMENT. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | X | | |
| Merlin Sioux | X | | |
| Lane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | | | ABSENT |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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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: FUND 330A-270. Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | X | | |
| Merlin Sioux | X | | |
| Lane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | | | ABSENT |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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MINUTES-TRIBAL SECRETARY

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: November 21, 2018. Motion made by Merlin Sioux. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | X | | |
| Merlin Sioux | X | | |
| Lane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | | | ABSENT |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | | | X |

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MSU AMERICAN INDIAN HALL PRESENTATION-MAJOR ROBINSON

Major Robinson-Congratulations and thank you for allowing us to present. We have an exciting project happening at MSU. I was recently hired to design a building for their campus. For thirteen years, MSU has been raising funds to have a Native American Hall there. I graduated from there, with a degree in architecture. Since 2010, there were 285 native American students there, now there are 775, and they're expecting the population to grow to 1000.

Randy Stevens-On behalf of MSU, thank you. It is a privilege, and honor to be here. MSU is growing rapidly. This will be a 24,000 square foot building. This is a purposeful and intentional place for native student. We have met with several student groups. How can we create a place, on campus, that's honoring, inspiring, and unique. This is a chance to have influence and impact.

Major Robinson-We want to reflect a home away from home for native american students. If there's feedback, we want to hear about it. There's contact information on the back. This is really important to reflect home away from home. When I went to school, I was completely out of my element. There's more support for students now. We want to hear directly what you think the influence should be. We are going to have a groundbreaking on March 29th. We would like to have you there. Please keep us in your prayers, keep this project and leadership in your prayers. It's completion will be in 2021. We will be back here for community input.

Lane Spottedelk-This is exciting having you involved in the project, you as a tribal member. We need to support it as much we as can. Leaving home is really courageous for student. We need to make it as much as a home as possible.

Randy Stevens-In your speech today, you said “Walk with me”. We are asking you to walk with us.

Lane Spotted Elk-We all know that Indians love to eat, I think it will be important to have a place to cook and eat together. Maybe having a place for students to prepare cultural food.

Major Robinson-Yes, it will have a kitchen.

Waylon Rogers-Thank you. My daughter is going to school there. I like the support, I did go to school there but didn’t graduate.

President Peña-My grandson is going to school there. I and Winfield are both on the college board here. When you’re away from here, it’s really hard. I’m glad to see you’re working on this Major.

MINOR CHILDREN-WARDS OF NCT-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS

Enter Executive Session @ 2:58 p.m.

Recovene @ 3:48 p.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MINOR CHILDREN TO RESIDE ON THE NOTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION AND BE RAISED BY TRIBAL MEMBERS. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | X | | |
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| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT CENTER-STACIE JOINER

Stacie Joiner-Congratulations Madame President and Vice President. I’ve been working with kids for about 30 years. Everyone campaigns on the youth, but with all the politics, it got set aside. There’s so much funding for our youth and we haven’t done anything with it. There is Coal Board money available to help with youth. We’re asking today, to get a start on it. We’re going to lose \$100,000 if we don’t jump on it. We’re asking for the Tribal Council’s blessing to move forward with it. It started out with NCDC and housing. We’ve been working on it since May of last year.

We met with the Tribal Council last week. I've been working with Dana, Merlin, and Lane. We start with a planning grant. The only investment is, once we get going, NCT has to take over on the maintenance of the building. First, would be the planning process of the grant. We're on the land authority agenda for tomorrow for the location. The ages would be 13-21, maybe later on it can be extended. If we didn't get on that agenda, we would have lost these funds.

Dana Eaglefeathers-If the tribal council authorizes, the grant and everything will go through the finance department.

Debra Charette-Are you asking for a resolution?

Stacie Joiner-Yes, I'm going to work with Julie Eomans on a grant through the Coal Board.

Debra Charette-It will be a grant for the Tribe.

Lane Spottedelk-When you work with youth, there's liability involved. Will the Tribe be required to provide the liability? We need to provide background checks so the youth will be safe.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Let's work on that resolution, the President is talking about having a special on Friday.

President Peña-Where were you thinking of putting it?

Stacie Joiner-By the P.D., north side. Personally, working for kids for 30 years, Cheyenne Avenue is a huge distraction.

President Peña-Is there a committee?

Stacie Joiner-That's where the planning grant comes in.

President Peña-When is the Coal Board meeting?

Stacie Joiner-February 5th is the deadline.

President Peña-We worked with the Coal Board for taking the water to Muddy Cluster. There's a lot of funds that we don't tap into. The grant application, we will all discuss amongst us. Who will write the grant?

Stacie Joiner-Julie Eamons, and we need a lead person.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2020 TRIBAL BUSINESS PLANNING GRANT (TBPG) PROPOSAL TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE INDIAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ICED) PROGRAM TO FUND PLANNING OF A NORTHERN CHEYENNE YOUTH CENTER (LANE SPOTTEDELK-LEAD, DANA EAGLEFEATHERS-ALTERNATE).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | X | | |
| Merlin Sioux | X | | |
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| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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ELECTION SCHEDULE JUDGE-HENRY SPEELMAN

Dana Eaglefeathers-I have a concern with the clerks & judges. Can they be changed?

Melissa Lonebear-The resolution says that they'll be the same as the last election. It's up to the Council.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN POSITION OF TRIAL JUDGE ARISING FROM RESIGNATION OF JUDGE JOHN ROBINSON. Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip 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 | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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PRO TEM JUDGE APPOINTMENT-HENRY SPEELMAN

Serena Wetherelt-In the Separation of Powers Ordinance, there is provision to assign a Pro Tem Judge. She is going to be paid as an employee, she will be on the panel.

Amanda Whiteshirt-This is only a temporary position, for three weeks? And the salary will be paid the same as elected?

Dana Eaglefeathers-Judge Roundstone makes that determination.

Joseph Weaselbear-Prosecution is at a standstill. They're not doing the job now. Why are we moving them out of there. For my case, I did all the footwork. There's a breakdown, it needs to be fixed. I went over there, he was on vacation.

Kristina Quaempts-If a case came before the judge, would that be a conflict?

Serena Wetherelt-The cases she will be taking on are all new cases.

Dana Eaglefeathers-A lot of that rests with the Chief Prosecutor. None of these complaints have been on Doris. I feel your concern.

President Peña-For her position, I will work with William Walksalong to fill that position.

Doris Sequi-I'm comfortable with stepping into that.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DORIS SEQUI TO JUDGES PRO TEM PANEL. Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
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| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | |
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| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
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SOLAR & WIND ENERGY SITE ASSESSMENTS-HENRY SPEELMAN

Lavonda Brady-Does feasibility mean environmental.

Phillip Beckman-Yes.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR – DIVISION OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT TO FUND DETAILED FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS AND SITE ASSESSMENTS FOR SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | X | | |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
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| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | |
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| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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LAW & ORDER CODE REVISION-MARIJUANA POSSESSION-WAYLON ROGERS

Waylon Rogers-I want to tell you my story about cannabis. In 2009 I broke my back, I was on opioids for years. I went to my doctor and I was told that my kidneys were going out from taking the opioids. I started using marijuana. I found out the meaning of what the word desperation really means, being in pain, made me change my outlook of this drug. I tried this again while I was in pain and it worked. I started a facebook page called the Green Side. It eventually turned into a survey. I went door to door. I found that out of the people I talked to, most of our users are actually my age and older. I found out that I cannot use opioids anymore. The toxicity levels of these drugs are through the roof. When I first got in, I was elected at the same time as Trump, the new Council came on and wanted to hear the story about cannabis. So here I am, presenting this again. If any person, is caught with less than one ounce, they will simply get a fine. Right now, it's a \$5000 fine. I have friends that simply want to use in their own home, some people have lost their jobs because of it.

Nellie Whiteshield-If this ever passes, we're not going to lose our sovereignty.

Waylon Rogers-I want this to be equal. For everybody.

Nellie Whiteshield-I know medical marijuana works, people have their card. When we go to court, how are we going to justify it? Is it legal, or illegal.

Waylon Rogers-We'll leave it up to the discretion of the judge.

Nellie Whiteshield-They play with our clients minds. In other words, if this does pass, when is it effective?

Dana Eaglefeathers-From today forward.

Nellie Whiteshield-I'm for it.

Amanda Whiteshirt-It should be retroactive because there are some that are still pending. If it's a Class C, that court is supposed to be a misdemeanor court. This council ought to start cleaning house, \$5000 is outrageous for any court. The Law & Order Code revision, what are you talking about? The latest Law & Order Code, that was in the process three years ago?

Dana Eaglefeathers-Those are discussions that have been for the last year. We have gotten letters from the attorney. We have been working on those. The Law & Order Code, is the 1998 laws. We have discovered in the last couple of years that the ordinance was not right, the bonding schedule. No new bonding schedule had ever been passed by Council.

Merlin Sioux-I'm for this. There should be amendments. I would like to see, is there policies?

Diana McLean-My question was how is that going to affect our drug testing for employment? You can't have separate policies. There can't be two rules for tribal members and employees. The people need to vote on it.

Waylon Rogers-There's people out there right now, that need it last year.

Bilford Curley-Get the foundation, you plan it. Like that building, how do you want that building to be built? You don't jump in two feet, with unknowns. Medical marijuana does work, it helped one of my nieces. Peyote does help too. These things need to be planned. If you look at everything. You need to think this out, our health, education, and welfare. There's a lot of things you really need to brainstorm on that. Think, before you put any action into it. There's still complaints going up, and up. I'm encouraging everyone of this Council. You can always change your resolution to help another person. There are a lot of complaints. Our food stamps, our LIHEAP, now they're scratching them out because of the government shut down. There's a lot of problems you have inherited. You have mouths, ask questions. There's a lot of things coming. I'm concerned about this. The security, the police force. You need to think, tribal and state level politics. Sometimes you have to put your pride down and ask for help. Rennie and you councilmen, anything pertaining to our ceremonial stuff, our traditional laws. Leave them out there, they stay out there. You don't mix them with our white laws. I respect all of you. The poor, we're hurting. The ones with children, the adults with elders. We get pennies. This is serious. Rennie, we all pray and support you to go in the right direction. We need to go forward. That's the leadership that we were looking for.

Henry Speelman-I'd like to take this out to the people and get their vote on it.

Florene Whiteman-What would this be in terms of legislators making law?

Bobbi Limberhand-This is a really big issue here on the reservation. A lot of people rely on this for their medical. My son is here. I got tired of seeing him in pain, IHS wouldn't prescribe him

medication and it eventually wouldn't work anymore. He was being harassed by police. The cops had been watching him and stopping him. They thought he was dealing drugs. I finally wrote a letter to the District V office. When the police stopped him, he had a BB gun, officers stopped his car and had him at gun point. I was freaking out, had the doors open. I didn't want them pulling him out of the car. I was told that I need to get across the road or I was going to get arrested. They stacked 8 or 9 charges on him. They took his chair, threw him out of the car. They didn't know how to transfer him. He hit his head on the grab bar and landed on the floor. Eric told me, we can't house him because he's handicapped. I said where you taking him? They took him to Hardin to the jail and didn't get a medical clearance for him. His bond was \$25,000. Finally, they called me. He did have his medical card. He was perfectly legal, there was nothing wrong. It was a night mare for me, for my son. With that being said, I wish it was taken out of the code completely.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I hear both sides of it. This legislation is not to legalize marijuana. All it's doing is making it a Class C offense. It's to alleviate some of the harsh penalties. All the laws are still the same.

Waylon Rogers-The way we have it now. If you have one ounce, speaking with Chief of Police, it's really at the bottom.

Vice President Russell-Last time I was on. That thing was brought up. Have you ever took that out to the community? That would really help.

Waylon Roger-I do have a survey, for medical the opposition was overwhelmingly less.

Larry Beartusk-I strongly support what Waylon Rogers and what's he's trying to do. My daughter was in a bad accident some time ago. She almost died. The only thing that saved her, is I prayed, and prayed. Today she's walking. In the meantime, she got this marijuana card, it's ok to have it off the reservation. In Colstrip, she got caught with a little joint and Colstrip let her go. Here, she got stopped and got a \$5000 fine. She chose to use marijuana to ease her pain. I can't imagine what she goes through every day with all her pain. You buy a card, when you buy it they ask you what kind of medication to put in there. There's old people here, crippled, a lot to pain with arthritis. Right now, with the government shut down. I support what Waylon Rogers is trying to do. Like I said, I really support this marijuana card.

Stacie Joiner-Sometimes we don't know how it affects us, unless we experience it. The opiates are killing off our people. The State of Montana already regulates it. As far as the survey, 80% of the people are for it. As Council, the future, we really need to be looking at that. We need to be making a good decision today. We shouldn't even have to go through the court. We're more protected off the reservation than on the reservation. Always keep in mind, it could be you. Councilman Rogers, I think you for getting those surveys and getting that.

Amanda Whiteshirt-I'm not against a marijuana card. My point was don't make a law if it's not fair across the board. If you're going to make a law, may sure you make a law for everybody. I would like some research and take it around to the districts. Take it out and get the ok from every community. There's a hell of a lot more people out.

Brandon Limberhand-It's tough living with a guard up and living in fear. I would like to see the fines not so high. A lot of people do need it. I feel a lot safer off the rez. I come down here and I have to leave it home.

President Peña-I understand that it's just a reduction from Class A to a Class C. It's not legalizing marijuana, not legalizing the card. So, less than an ounce will get charged \$25. No matter what you set your fine at, we're still overstepping the policy with our tribe. My grandson lives in pain every day. I know a lot of people that use this for medical, there's also many that use it for recreational. How effective is it going to be for our tribal members? To me, it's contradicting. What I would like to see, take it out to the communities, and get that input. In the meantime, bring a proposal, to what you would do to the Ordinance. How you would amend your tribal policies. I think it would become more effective. That card is not legal here. He got charged for it.

Henry Speelman-If someone brought up just for medical use, I would vote yes. We got enough, opioids and meth. We don't need to have a bunch of guys out there stoned out.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Waylon has schooled a lot of us on this, in here. Didn't these people speak already? Didn't the people speak by getting him into office. The same laws, we have to work together. We need to find ways that it's going to benefit everybody. As long as we have a drug policy in place, it's up to us. We're all adults here. He's not saying let's make it legal, let's make it illegal. If it passes, it passes. We did talk to funding agencies, and as long we have drug policies in place, we're okay. We did have these in place.

Break @ 5:48 p.m.

Reconvene @ 5:58 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE REVISING PENALTY FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION IN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE LAW & ORDER CODE (C. Drug Abuse is a Class A offense, except that possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is a Class C offense with a maximum fine of \$25.00). Motion made by Waylon Rogers. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | | | ABSENT |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | | | X |
| Merlin Sioux | | | X |
| Lane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | | | X |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | | | X |

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***Ordinance vetoed by President Peña**

CANNABIS TASK FORCE-WAYLON ROGERS

Waylon Rogers-This one is to form a board, I want to do it where people from each district can hand deliver a letter to the President, she can pick and we can concur. What this task force will do, is fall under the umbrella of the law. In the 1928, prohibition of alcohol was over with. Harry Anslinger started to demonize cannabis. It was a brown person’s drug. One of his quotes, is that it makes blackies feel the same as, or better than a whitey. It carried all the way until Nixon. It was put on the schedule as a schedule 1 drug. Today, it’s quite different. Since then, there are 36 legalized as medical. More are ready to legalize this next year. Today, what I want is purely medical. I would like to stay in the realm of the medical act. Work with legislative and administration. Work with law enforcement, everybody will have a say in this endeavor. One of the good parts, is that we will be able to put people to work. To start some revenue. One of the best things is that it’s almost completely non-toxic. There’s a list of toxicity levels, one of the things is that it actually works with your body. It’s works with your renal, and skeletal systems. It’s one of the few plants that can turn that key. Cancer patients can use it successfully, for what it does to cancer cells. For me, it helps me with my nerve pain. I have a degenerative disc disease. This is something that will be with me, my entire life. I’ve been relying this for a while. I want this to happen in a good way. Some of the comments earlier, there would be a lot of people in here but a lot of people are scared of the taboo. I want us to be self-sustaining. I also want this to be a paid board. After it’s passed, I would ask the Council to fund it. For right now, it’s not funded.

Henry Speelman-I think you put the cart before the horse.

President Peña-We have a responsibility to the people. If we’re going to pass laws, I think we have to have input from the people. Say it was passed, for now it will be on a volunteer basis?

Waylon Rogers-Yes.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CANNABIS TASK FORCE. Motion made by Waylon Rogers. Second by Dana Eaglefeathers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | | | ABSENT |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | | | X |
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| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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EXCAVATION & HIRING-COLSTRIP ASH PONDS-ALEXANDER CUNHA

Alexander Cunha-I appreciate the time before you today. I work for the Northern Plains Resource Council. We are a non-profit based out of Billings. Our organization has been researching the Colstrip Ash Ponds. The research we've conducted are on this short form. Our main conclusion, is that excavation, digging the ash up, and excavating would be the best outcome. It would provide more cleaning opportunities. We released our report in July of last year. It was recommended that we present this to the tribal council.

Merlin-What's the predictions?

Alexander-It's enough work for employees to work for years.

Merlin-Are they going to be union jobs?

Waylon Rogers-I've heard of a few different ways to clean it up. One was the high & dry.

Debra Charette-It's already covered and it already has a base. What you would want to do is uncover and move it again. What they told us is that they're already sealing those as they're moving along.

President Peña-For employment, how many Northern Cheyenne will be hired?

Debra Charette-That's what we want, is that if DEQ does this, we want our people to be compensated.

Clayton Small-From past experience, those ponds did rip. You guys do have a clean air act, I would use that for employment to ensure people get work.

Henry Speelman-How is Northern Plains Resource going to ensure that we get those jobs?

A RESOLUTION CALLING PROPER DISPOSAL OF COAL ASH FROM COLSTRIP POWER PLANT AND NORTHERN CHEYENNE HIRING PREFERENCE. Motion made by Waylon Rogers. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND-NORMA BIXBY

Norma Bixby-I've been working on this since 2013. It's been a challenge to get these funds. Tribal scholarship funds are for those who do not have a need. We've always just run off the interest. Since then, the interest rate has gone down. We're barely up to \$21,000 in interest. We're asking just to use the interest for tribal scholarships for the year. We do have 9 students that have applied for the scholarships. We did have a working session, Brian Chestnut drafted this resolution. 100% of our students completed their program or graduated. We gave the new students \$500 and continuing students \$1000.

Lane Spottedelk-In our working session, we talked about the possibility of the Tribe investing in this. The Council should look at how this is invested to get at least \$15,000. How are the scholarships given out?

Norma Bixby-They are all treated equally. There are 9 that are funded, if there is availability of funds. The Bureau keeps good records of all the draws. To us it's really important.

Lane Spottedelk-The important thing to remember here, is we have a lot of kids that go off to school. This money, this is something that can help students out without strings attached. This could be a way that the Council could get involved with tribal education. This would be a good pot of money to help students.

Debra Charette-This is information from a long time ago, it's just now getting fixed.

President Peña-It should be revisited more often.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND THAT CERTAIN FUNDS BE FORGIVEN FOR THE TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Waylon Rogers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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SIGNATORIES-HENRY SPEELMAN

RESOLUTION UPDATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS. Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Merlin Sioux.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | | | ABSENT |
| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | | | |
| Merlin Sioux | X | | |
| Lane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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Dana Eaglefeathers-It was a really good progressive day. Right now, we're in a crisis with our law enforcement. They are not getting paid. We are down to two officers. If we're having a special on Friday. There's been discussions on every subject. One of them are societies. People get that confused, our societies were the governing body of the tribe. I believe in things happening for a reason. It's time to reflect on ourselves, when things get tangled up, they tell us to go back to the beginning. Our Dog Soldiers, it's their role to protect us. I talked to Chief Mikkanen and he said would it alleviate, if we would implement our societies into mainstream. It's important to move into that direction. Right now, there's Tribe's that have taken steps to help their BIA workers that are not getting paid. I think that where our societies would come back together. I went out to programs asking them for help. Have them help us in the situation that we're in. Let's call our societies to the plate and have them step in and help us. Our law enforcement can help with assisting missing persons reports.

Florene Whiteman-There was one in 1984 and I think again in 1990. Wallace I think is a Headsmen. You would not believe the things happening in this community.

Vice President Russell-Why don't we get that resolution, look at it and take action on it?

Clayton Small-We have issues at the Commerce Center without an NCDC board in place. I know there's been applications in there for a long time. There's a lot of things, business wise, that aren't being addressed. What's going on internally and it would be very beneficial for you guys to do an NCDC board. All the things are important but these are the most important.

Joe Weaselbear-I belong to the Elk Horn Scraper, one of the Chief Headsman. All this stuff that is happening today, we discussed this in Denver with our Southern Tribe back in May. We discussed the do's & don'ts. I was up there yesterday. When ceremony comes, we all come together. As societies we all know our roles. A couple years ago, we talked about human trafficking. They told our societies to be ready, that time is now. We were warned, nobody took heed. The last council that was here, they were too busy lining their pockets with that lumber company money. My sister, Rosella was murdered. Diane asked if she could use that story. It's disheartening. That's what has to happen today. A lot of us aren't even in society, and that's what we are based on. Our covenant is still here; we still have her. It's ok, to go to other practices, I was baptized catholic, I sacrificed for my wife. You guys took oath's, you should be helping us instead of lining your pockets. Taking from our people. Forensic audit has to happen. Do it. Find out where that money's at? Put it back. Our people, our children, are hungry today. It's up to you guys. That one from Ashland left, you should dock her. My uncle Archie worked. He came in for a stipend and stayed all hours. I worked for the courts 2003-2006, these stop signs don't mean nothing. All this stuff has to be revisited. You took an oath to look out for our people. Those that line their pockets, they need to give it back. I invoked it in 2008, if that man ever comes home, they will whip him and take him off this reservation. All we got is bone chips, it's disheartening. Today, we argue and fight each other. You guys have a hard job. Randy Elliot told Mr. Killsback, we have the resources and time, let's get our societies trained in side arms. If you are truly a leader, you will do right for our people. I took care of that elk bundle for 10 years. Don't put your head down. You listen with your eyes, ears, and heart. I'm not perfect. None of us are perfect, we're all human. For two years there was turmoil, you guys have to fix this. I encourage you guys, pray every night. Even though, I started drinking and using again. My son told me, no one can take your ceremonies from you. When you say something, you're supposed to live it. How many of you guys, take something up to the keeper? Feed him? Elk Horn Scrapers are the true protectors of our covenant. I sat back a long time, because I was told to pray. They made me a headsman, because they like the way I talk. I'm clean and sober today. I woke up clean and sober, and by the grace of God, I go to bed clean and sober. You guys sitting right here are for our people. I applaud you guys. They knocked down 10-15 of our buffalo, why? What did they do with the hides? Did they give them to societies? I saw them bow hunting on a video. Right now, everything is in chaos over here. Get a meal together, we'll call all the societies together. Our Priests and Ceremonial women will sit outside and pray. During campaign, I never eat. I don't want anyone to influence my vote. David told me to speak. Remember, when you go to bed and think about it, search your hearts and souls. Make sense of why you're around this table. I applaud you guys that stayed this late. If you have never seen her, go out there, go see her. Go learn our history.

President Peña-I want to reiterate; our hearts are for the people. You talked about what Randy had shared with you. We talked about our locals, they know us, they're from here. We talked about the food stamps, different ways to get wood.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING. Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Debra Charette | X | | |
| Phillip Beckman | X | | |
| Eva Foote | | | ABSENT |

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| Diane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Henry Speelman | | | |
| Merlin Sioux | X | | |
| Lane Spotted Elk | X | | |
| Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. | X | | |
| Waylon Rogers | X | | |
| Dana Eaglefeathers | X | | |
| Vice President Russell | X | | |

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions this 20th day of February 2019.

Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe