

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

**RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

April 3, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Peña called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Isadore Whitewolf

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Henry Speelman-We need to put all the cell phones on silent, or vibrate. We need to show some respect, stay off our phones.

President Peña-I will only be here for the Permanent Fund Update.

Vice President Russell-We are going to have a training session here on Active Shooter. It's schedule for the 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Phillip Beckman-Mark Allen, a tribal school's teacher started Cub Scouts and a Boys Scouts Troup.

Henry Speelman-We are going to Thunderchild tomorrow at 1:00 to look at that property.

President Peña-We were all invited to Colstrip. They're having a youth conference down there.

President Peña-We will be enforcing the Dog Ordinance. It was passed in December; we have to take action on this.

Ernest Littlemouth-We have been working on the homeless shelter in Birney. St. Labre has been helping with building materials. We are putting new flooring, plumbing, and water.

## **PERMANENT FUND UPDATE-PAUL MCKEAN/LYNN CARAVEAU**

### **Portfolio review received by Tribal Council.**

Paul McKean-As always, the big issue is economic growth. Right now, the outlook is good for continued economic growth.

Lane Spottedelk-From 2014, our portfolio has doubled.

### **President Pena exits at 10:50 a.m. Vice President Russell is Presiding**

Vice President Russell-There is a community member having a serious problem. I want to allow him some time to speak.

## **ROCKROADS BRIDGE**

Tom Rockroads-We came down to go before the Council concerning our bridge. There is an erosion issue after the flood. We would like to request the Council to assist because we're elders. We would like to request our bridge to be fixed. I worked many years at Western Energy, worked on reclamation a lot of years down there. The bridge can be fixed on the south side, that's where the majority of the erosion is. There is gravel by Lane Deer School, those boulders can be put in there to stabilize the erosion. Whoever you get, there has to be good communication. When they checked into it, they said the line can't be touched. I talked to sanitation, they can't come in to get our garbage disposed. We need your assistance. The road has to be regraded. We came down to ask for help. It needs to be done. We can't just up and pull stakes and move. My dad did some things there; he was a ceremonial man. We have 6 generations that has lived on the Rockroads allotment.

Merlin Sioux-We can get transportation to look at the damages. We need to get an assessment of the damages.

Tom Rockroads-It needs gravel. Maybe less than \$5000 with the right equipment. As far as medical is concerned, I have a serious medical problem.

Merlin Sioux-We do have a line item with land authority to assist with elders.

Vice President Russell-We have representatives from Busby, we're talking about allotted land, those people have been there for years.

Lane Spottedelk-Housing Authority has money for communities for emergencies.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)**

Phillip Beckman-We have one of my fellow Busby boys here, Spur has won two title bouts already.

Spur Roundstone-I'm an MMA fighter. I am the current Fight Force champion. Right now, I'm looking for funding to get to Washington. I'm here to put in a request for funding.

Phillip Beckman-He's carrying on the tradition of the Fighting Cheyenne. I think supporting this, he's going out nationally.

Spur Roundstone-I'm the baddest here in Montana, martial arts is my life. I want to be the best in the world. I was told I could not do this. I have more fights than any other amateur in Montana. I don't have employment; I've been volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club. I'm sober and I don't do drugs.

Waylon Rogers-The cut across road at Rabbit town is in desperate need of some work. Have transportation look at that.

Eva Foote-There are some concerns at the Heritage Living Center with Cheyenne Elders. Our community halls, there's a leak and the bathrooms aren't working. Can we find some funds for repairs on our halls?

Debra Charette-If we're going to have a line item, I have a couple that need repairs on their roads.

Henry Speelman-Tribal health has money for getting water and repairs on our halls.

Diane Spottedelk-Hopefully, we're having an Easter Egg Hunt at Hestaneao Park.

Henry Speelman-We have to get aggressive on these dog issues.

Lane Spottedelk-Since the snow melted, I want to highlight some community members. Clint Gonzales, and Jericho Deputee, they organized a cleanup. They started behind the Depot and took 78 bags of trash to Solid Waste. I talked with Diane, we allocated about \$20,000 for a day labor program. The whole idea behind day labor, is to give an opportunity for people to give back to their community. We also need a community hall in Lame Deer.

Vice President Russell-I would like to request and highly recommend that you go over to the Heritage Center and hear their complaints.

## **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: FUNDS 578-217.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

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

**BIA FUNDING THPO-HAZARDOUS FUELS PROJECTS-ALFONZO SPANG**

Alfonzo Spang-Teanna is on travel.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING AND APPROVING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT TRIBAL CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR HAZARDOUS FUELS PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION.** Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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			
Vice President Russell-PRESIDING			

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

**BIA FUNDING THPO-TIMBER HARVEST LOGGING-ALFONZO SPANG**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING AND APPROVING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT TRIBAL CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR TIMBER HARVEST LOGGING PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION.** Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	X		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	X		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	X		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell-PRESIDING</b>			

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

**BIA FUNDING NATURAL RESOURCE-USGS-JASON WHITEMAN**

Jason Whiteman-We have seven groundwater wells. For some reason, the two service stations didn't get funded. We submitted for supplemental funding. We focused on Lame Deer Creek and below Inez Peppers. We tested Lame Deer Creek, we did find pharmaceutical compounds.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO MEASURE AND COLLECT WATER LEVELS IN WELLS AND GROUNDWATER AND STREAMFLOW MONITORING AT SURFACE-WATER GAGING STATIONS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Merlin Sioux.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X		
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	X		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	X		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	X		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	X		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	X		
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	X		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	X		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	X		

<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell-PRESIDING</b>			

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

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT-MORNING STAR PROPANE-SHELDON KING**

Sheldon King-We are seeking extra funding to purchase a skid steer, trailer, and snow blower. Lane and I have been working with Fonda.

Lane Spottedelk-The \$50,000 match will remain in the account.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE MORNING STAR PROPANE COMPANY GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE U.S. RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.** Motion made by Waylon Rogers. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell-PRESIDING</b>			

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

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY POW-WOW COMMITTEE-MERLIN SIOUX**

**MOTION MADE BY MERLIN SIOUX TO TABLE THE POW-WOW COMMITTEE AND TO HAVE A POW-WOW MEETING FOLLOWING THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING. SECOND BY HENRY SPEELMAN.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		

<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell-PRESIDING</b>			

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell-PRESIDING</b>			

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 a.m.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 1 abstention this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019.

  
 Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe