

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

**SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE SESSION**

**MINUTES  
April 14, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Henry Speelman

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Debra Charette *Teleconference</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Phillip Beckman *Teleconference</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Serena Wetherelt, Acting President *Presided over today's meeting</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Talawyma *Teleconference</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>		

Quorum Established

Henry Speelman: Madame President, Council, I'd like to add on: **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF JUSTICE SERVICES, INDIAN HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 GRANT YEAR**

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</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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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO SUPPORT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) PROGRAM TO IMPROVE AND CONSTRUCT A PAVED FACILITY AND SEPARATED MULTI-USE PATHWAY FOR BIA ROUTE 77 (ROSEBUD CUT ACROSS)**

Henry Speelman: Next is RAISE, is Janis on?

Lane Spotted Elk: Actually, she’s having some technical difficulties. Debbie, Henry, or myself can present that one.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Henry Speelman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</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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**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE TO SUBMIT A 2022 ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (EMDP) GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DIVISION OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT TO FUND PLANNING FOR THE FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY COMBINED WITH ENERGY STORAGE ON THE RESERVATION INCLUDING AT TRIBAL-OWNED BUILDINGS, RESIDENCES AND UTILITY-SCALE INSTALLATIONS**

**KYLE ALDERMAN ENTERED SESSION VIA ZOOM @ 9:30 A.M.**

Kyle Alderman: I would just like to apologize for not finalizing or reviewing this, but there are a couple changes before we get started. On page 3, at the very top, it says “THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe is willing to consider developing any potential energy and mineral resource discovered.” That entire section needs to be taken out. And then, I would also like to add language in the “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council authorizes submission of the 2022 Energy and Mineral Development Project (EMDP) grant proposal to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Energy and Mineral Development to fund planning for the further deployment of solar energy combined with energy storage on the reservation including at Tribal-owned buildings, residences and utility-scale installations” and I would like to add “community sites” there.

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE TO SUBMIT A 2022 TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY (TEDC) PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DIVISION OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-TERM PLAN LEADING TO THE FORMATION OF A TRIBAL UTILITY**

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Silver Little Eagle.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			

<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
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<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**KYLE ALDERMAN EXITED SESSION VIA ZOOM @ 9:36 A.M.  
JOHN GRINSELL ENTERED SESSION VIA ZOOM @ 9:37 A.M.**

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AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF  
INDIAN AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF JUSTICE SERVICES, INDIAN HIGHWAY SAFETY  
PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 GRANT  
YEAR**

John Grinsell: Okay, so the resolution we're presenting is for the Indian Highway Safety. It is to renew the grant for the year 2023. [Reads resolution].

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</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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**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>1 vote No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:47 A.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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022.

Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe