

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

RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES
June 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION: Norma Gourneau

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote *Arrived at 9:11 a.m.	X		
Phillip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Silver Little Eagle *Out sick			X
Henry Speelman	X		
Total:	10		1

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry Speelman: The block party is going on today and any update on the powwow?

Melissa Fisher: Update on powwow stuff, we got the water turned on. Patricia is gonna go and shock the water. We have all the posters out, and we need to do one for the parades. Everything's falling into place, we have things ready for the rodeo. We did get some sponsors, but I haven't heard anything from First Interstate Bank.

Lane Spotted Elk: Did you call Jeff?

Melissa Fisher: Okay, because I sent it to Amy and I'm not getting a response.

Henry Speelman: Any updates on White River Days?

Norma Gourneau: We're going slow. A lot of things have already been decided and there are posters out, and hopefully we'll be able to get all of the supplies we need in time. But we have an anniversary.

Diane Spotted Elk: Also, the honoring for Ben Nighthorse Campbell is this Friday. Here in the courtyard, and a meal will be done.

ADD ON: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH SEVEN GENERATIONS

Norma Gourneau: I was working on a resolution and I didn't quite get it done, but it was to authorize the Council entering into a contract for Seven Generations. They have a subdivision that provides A&E Services. I wanted to authorize the Council to go ahead and enter a contract to do this, for the A&E Design for the Justice Center. We were supposed to get the quotes for the schematic design by last week, but we didn't get anything. And then the A&E, it will be dependent on what this design will be. Because we don't know the square footage. But if we want to wait until we get the exact amounts, it will just delay us a little bit more, I'm fine with that.

Henry Speelman: Okay, Councilwoman Gourneau made a motion, is there a second? Or do you want to wait until we get more info?

Diane Spotted Elk: So, the cost is en route, I would say, right? And we just don't know, and when we receive that, then we can negotiate the cost?

Norma Gourneau: The resolution would authorize the President to negotiate and if you guys are not comfortable with that, that's fine. Until we get the proposal and estimates, then do the A&E later, if that's what you all want, that's fine. I withdraw my motion.

Henry Speelman: Okay, #2 Enrollment.

Nizhoni Friesz: Did Wallace have any enrollment items?

Melissa Fisher: No.

Henry Speelman: Okay, #3, Minutes.

Serena Wetherelt: Lane, we don't have any budgets?

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, Colleagues on the Tribal Council, I'd like to propose some time to a) have a Budget & Finance meeting, and, b) to have a Special Council Meeting to pass those budgets. I know last week was sort of hit or miss with a lot of our schedules. I want to know if we can propose a date for a Budget & Finance meeting, and for a special session to pass those budgets. There are funerals tomorrow. Thursday?

Serena Wetherelt: My husband is going to have surgery on Thursday morning, at like 5:30 a.m. we need to be there. So, I won't be here at all Thursday.

Lane Spotted Elk: Or we could just shoot for next week. And Friday's a holiday. What about Monday? And that could give us some time to hear back from Seven Generation for them to present something. And in the meantime, other things might come up, too.

Serena Wetherelt: Okay, that sounds good.

Phillip Beckman: So, everyone's in agreement? Okay.

Diane Spotted Elk: Okay, so next Monday.

Melissa Fisher: Do the request for a Special.

MINUTES

MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8, 2022 RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING

Motion made by Henry Speelman. 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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CARD DESIGN CONCEPT (DESIGN 1) FOR THE ENHANCED TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

Melissa Fisher: We are voting to approve the Enhanced Tribal I.D. and this is a picture of the draft in your packet. So, I make a motion to approve the draft of the Enhanced Tribal I.D. for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

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			

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Henry Speelman: I had a Zoom call with these guys a couple of weeks ago and they wanted to help us. They have grants and trainings.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yes, the only addition I would make would be for an error in the resolution. Where it says "monetary donations" I think it should say "membership dues" because the last page of the membership application, the membership dues are \$250.00. So, I think that's just a wording error.

Nizhoni Friesz: On that very last part, "membership dues"?

Melissa Fisher: It says it twice in here. So, both places where it says "donation," change it to "dues."

Debra Charette: Yeah, wherever it says "monetary donation," change it to "membership dues."

Melissa Fisher: And that's your vote?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yes, Councilman, would you change it with the modifications?

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Phillip Beckman.

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			

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LANE SPOTTED ELK EXITED SESSION @ 9:26 A.M.

RANDY ELLIOTT AND LANE SPOTTED ELK ENTERED SESSION @ 9:30 A.M.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE RESULTS OF THE THPO CULTURAL ASSESSMENT SURVEY AND REINSTATING “FIREWORK HILL” TO BE USED FOR THE FIREWORK DISPLAY FOR THE CHIEF’S 4TH OF JULY POWWOW

Henry Speelman: Okay, Madame President, Council, we have Randy Elliott to present.

Randy Elliott: Since I took over the Fire Department, I began trying to rectify our situation with our fireworks and having them in different areas, and some not so safe of areas. I started the endeavor of trying to figure out why the fireworks were not put off on firework hill like they had been on previous years. Through my research, I found several reasons. One being, off of firework hill, I could not find any documentation. No proof of why the fireworks would go off on one spot for forty years, and then all of a sudden not be okay. I was okay with putting fireworks off wherever the powwow committee asked me to do it, but there were some issues with the location they had been using. The location behind the post office to me, was one of the most unsafe areas I could ever imagine. Same with the powwow grounds. The powwow grounds is dry, not places for people to park, looking out for our elders and having them walk on uneven terrain. The area up here behind the post office, I actually found to have more safety issues. Everything I did was through word of mouth through elders. Some elders that I still knew, knew the area and the significance of things. There’s actually way more sacred meaning to the area behind the post office, than I could ever find on firework hill. Plus, the Richard Springs fire has kind of destroyed this end of our reservation to a certain extent, where the fireworks were before behind the post office is one of our last patches of heaven on our rez. Nothing’s burned from this side of Lame Deer to Muddy, back behind Busby. It’s kind of our last area. I really don’t want to be sitting in front of the I.C. Committee on July 5th being asked, “why did you start the fire?” Or, “our last good piece of the rez is gone because of the fireworks.” So, I pushed really hard. I was actually able to go before the THPO Board. They had really no pushback at all. They required that the THPO went up and did a survey, and I graciously volunteered to take them up there and I did. I took their surveyors and some of their staff up there and we walked around. In conclusion, we found that there is really nothing in terms of cultural significance on the top of that hill. There has been previous dirt work done up there. There’s a TV tower up there. Believe it or not, there’s already mortars buried in the ground up there that I can use for firing fireworks off. So, everything, in conclusion, played in my favor. Getting fireworks back over there. I believe lighting fireworks off firework hill is a great benefit to everybody of all ages. We have the Tribal building parking lot for elders, and their walkers and wheelchairs, it’s a nice, flat area where they can just watch from the windshield of their vehicles. That’s not counting the elders that are excited because they can just go out in their front yard and be able to sit in their own yard and

watch fireworks. So, I had talked to a few of the Councilmen, and Melissa's on the powwow committee, and one thing, when I got this all squared away, was to make it so people ahead of me might... whoever takes over for me when I'm done, we can move forward instead of look back all the time. So, that brings me to you guys today. To get firework hill set by resolution that that's where we have our fireworks from this day forward. I know in years past, there's always last minute, "can't do this, can't do that, needs to be over here." I think as a Tribe we just need to move forward and put things in place for the future, and it will make things easier for everyone. I've got the documentation now, I was with them. If in 2-3 years, you guys are all gone and doing something else, I'll have the resolution and my documentation to go in front of a new Council or President and say, this is what we've done. We don't need to go backwards anymore, we can go forward. We've already addressed this as a Tribe.

Diane Spotted Elk: Teanna said there's a letter from Otto Braided Hair to Jace Killsback, but I don't see it.

Randy Elliott: From the information I've gathered on that, why firework hill was no longer allowed, was simply what you said. It was a letter from Otto Braided Hair to Jace Killsback. But there was nothing looked into, there was no survey done, and it was just sided. I tried not to dive into the nuts and bolts of why they did that. Rather, I actually did our research and made sure that it was. There were no findings up there of anything spiritual, sacred.

Diane Spotted Elk: Yeah, we just want to make absolutely sure that there is nothing there. And it sounds like, according to all of the documents, including the one from Otto Braided Hair to Jace, confirms that. Even the minutes of...there's no clarity on what actually happened as far as the buffalo.

Randy Elliott: And you know, some of the elders that I had talked to, a lot of them just flat told me that that was political. There's nothing up there. They wouldn't talk about it other than that, "it's political and I'm happy that you're doing this, we'd like to see it." Actually, the head of the THPO made the motion that he wanted to see fireworks there. But, he put the criteria on there, that he gave approval if, you know when we went up there, that we didn't find anything that stuck out.

Lane Spotted Elk: And he didn't?

Randy Elliott: [Shakes head no].

Melissa Fisher: I would like to thank you, Randy, for you and the THPO, culture committee, for doing the due diligence that was needed for this. I would like to make the motion to approve this resolution.

Norma Gourneau: Is there a resolution here?

Diane Spotted Elk: It's coming.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Diane Spotted Elk.

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			

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Melissa Fisher: President Wetherelt, are you allowing the Tribal employees to go to the block party?

Serena Wetherelt: I guess they can just get authorized by their director.

Melissa Fisher: Thank you. One more announcement. On Wednesday, July 6th, after we've come back to work, we're going to have an Employee Appreciation Potluck with the staff, and with the people who light off the fireworks. I have a sign-up sheet I will put on Alicia's desk, and then everyone can bring sides and Randy will cook the meat, and we'll just bring the sides.

Randy Elliott: You all are going to get hot dogs.

Serena Wetherelt: Aren't you going to advertise your beef?

Randy Elliott: I am, I'm going to bring my beef to this barbecue, so you guys can all try it. I'm actually not kidding, my next cow going to be processed, is going to make me grass-fed, 100% beef hot dogs.

RANDY ELLIOTT EXITED SESSION @ 9:44 A.M.

Henry Speelman: Okay, #7, RJS Contractors & Associates.

Diane Spotted Elk: I could've sworn we had a resolution on this one at one time. For RJS.

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, Colleagues on the Tribal Council, I'd like to make a motion to approve basically, the resolution will say what normal resolutions say in these instances. It will authorize the President to negotiate and enter a contract with RJS & Associates to provide grant writing services, research, and proposal writing services to the Tribe. Basically, this is a follow up from the discussion with Mr. James Swan. With his site visit here, meeting with various programs, but what we were recommending is option #4. This would provide the

Tribe and other programs a grant writing and research service to help build capacity and things like that. RJS has a staff of 6, and they constantly identify different focus areas for different programs and they have folks that are researching. They kind of really watch the federal registry and things like that, so. They're very successful with their research, and hearing what they're doing with other tribes, they're very successful. For example, last week they helped secure a \$5 million competitive grant for the Housing Authority in Rocky Boy. So, that's a great direction to go, now I think if we had support with RJS like that. The resolution would be the same format as others like this sort, basically authorizing the President to enter into that contract to provide the services to the programs. Also, as Tribal leaders, if you see a grant opportunity, RJS is more than willing to help. Research that grant idea and things like that. I'd like to see if there's any discussion on this item.

Phillip Beckman: I think that second paragraph says a lot, "70-75% return on investment," and what's returned back to their clients. It can open a lot of doors and opportunities here.

Norma Gourneau: Madame Chairman, question. I like the idea of entering into a contract with RJS and I like the services they're going to provide, but was there a budget revision done while I was out, to facilitate this?

Debra Charette: Only budgets that were passed were in here.

Lane Spotted Elk: But too, there's also opportunity with ARPA for economic development to do this. That's a strong point to use that funding. I know programs, some would be more than willing to contribute to this cause so that the burden for funding isn't all on the Tribe. If we can get some major programs together to supplement this, too. That might make sense. I think it also might be worth our while to...if they know they're going to receive this service.

Phillip Beckman: It makes perfect sense for us to run off of grants, not our own revenue. We kind of have to have our own grant writer.

Norma Gourneau: Well, I recognize the need for it. I just can't figure out how we're going to pay for this. Do we want to use ARPA?

Lane Spotted Elk: Either that or we approach programs. When he was here he met with, I think 10 or 12 different programs and majority of those have revenue that...or I posed the idea to finance to see if they could research the idea of writing this into an indirect cost pool. Because it's a service that, at an administrative level, to different programs. So, I know finance was reaching out to our comptroller to see if that would be a possibility. That way, it would be an added budgeted item every year, kind of like our attorney fees and things like that.

Phillip Beckman: Yeah, \$100,000 is kind of a drop in the bucket if you think about the long-term of it, what these people bring to their clients in their proposal.

Debra Charette: Yeah, Option #4 is \$100,000. Option #3 is \$75,000. Option #2 is up to \$17,000.

Phillip Beckman: Your idea was programs that have revenue pitch in, I think that's a good idea. If there's anything they have available, they could throw in on it.

Norma Gourneau: Well, what I had recommended was that we do a budget revision for the rest of this fiscal year by amending the ...because we could take \$25,000 from this year and then budget \$75,000 for next year. But it would be from like General Fund, that way it could serve all programs, not just federal programs. And that was my recommendation, that's why I asked if there had been a Budget Revision on one of those days that I was gone.

Debra Charette: No, we haven't had one.

Phillip Beckman: We could do a special, maybe?

Lane Spotted Elk: I think we could have a Budget Finance meeting and all sit down and look at the General Fund budget and figure out where we could get that from. And re-budget things to accommodate for this, to last us now until the end of the fiscal year, when we do our FY23 budget, we could budget that out.

Serena Wetherelt: Could we schedule a meeting with ARPA and maybe the accountants, so that way we'll know all the funds for ARPA. Because I don't have updates on mine, so that's what I need to get also, with all of the revisions that have been done with ARPA because I thought 830A was for Administration, but it must be Administration for ARPA, because they're using it all up. And they're also modifying that 830A for other line items. So, I thought we need to start spending, but come to think of it, we only had \$1,000 left out of \$150,000. So, I really want to get my fingers on that and see where all of that money is going and see what are we using it for.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, and that's another issue, is that I think the Council has taken action with the President to say we wanted funding to go towards the Childcare center, but on the budget side of it, that money is not accounted for because...

Norma Gourneau: There's been no revision.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, and it really looks like we've over budgeted by a lot. We're over budget basically, and we can't meet all of our obligations that we have now, so I think we really need to look at everything and figure out what's our priority. Because I know we have all these things, but realistically, the majority of that money has been spent with these economic payments, so we really need to see what's the reality.

Diane Spotted Elk: So, will we get a detailed report?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, I think a detailed report, but I also think we should say this is how much...so it's easy to read.

Melissa Fisher: Why can't we do that? Like how we did with CARES, how we constantly...

Lane Spotted Elk: We should! I think we should do it this week, because the Tribe is getting ready to hire a bunch of folks for Security, and my question is, where is that funding coming from?

Serena Wetherelt: And see, I talked to Trixy and Trixy had said that she talked to TJ, that he needed to obligate more money to that line item. And that hasn't been done yet, I think.

Diane Spotted Elk: And where is it coming from?

Serena Wetherelt: And see, that's where I have a problem because money is being moved around, but I don't know where it's coming from.

Diane Spotted Elk: None of us do.

Serena Wetherelt: Like \$150,000 got moved out of that line item that I was talking about, and I don't know where it went. But the other thing, too, is, we had a line item for the rodeo for \$35,000 for the rodeo. And then they wanted another \$35,000. And that's a lot of money, and she's still trying to do the thing for Ben Nighthorse Campbell. I told her, this is funny, because Hand Games only gets \$5,000 and it's part of our culture. And Rodeo, it's not part of our culture, but they got \$75,000. And we don't even think about these other things like with RJS, where are we going to get that money? This is important to our programs.

Lane Spotted Elk: And I think that's why, in the very beginning, we wanted to set up that framework for how ARPA requests are accepted and how they're reviewed by this body, so that everyone could have...but really what happened was that resolution wasn't really implemented or followed because we have all these requests that come in and there's no proper avenue. And I think that's why by resolution, that was the intent of it, that everybody would know what's been spent from ARPA and we would have a good understanding of where we sit. Because with things like Childcare, my fear is that, they've put in a lot of work, they got 75% of the funding, they need about 25%, and my fear is that we've over obligated ourselves, and we're not going to be able to meet that obligation. That could throw this whole project off. They need \$1 million.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, I think we should've obligated it before we said that we were going to do it. That way, we know that money's there. And also, for the food pantry. I know we have so much that's obligated to it, but now we need an additional \$200,000 to add to that. So, are we going to obligate that money so we have it for that project?

Diane Spotted Elk: So, there was another \$35,000 that was given to the rodeo? For two days?

Melissa Fisher: So, the \$35,000 was the permanent fund, and then they requested the other \$35,000 because it was the same budget from last year and they just resubmitted the request.

Serena Wetherelt: But why are we making it a yearly thing if they already have \$35,000 from the permanent fund? I don't even see any reason why we're going to spend \$35,000 more on a rodeo.

Diane Spotted Elk: No, not on a rodeo.

Serena Wetherelt: I mean, there are other cultural obligations, too.

Melissa Fisher: It's the only INFR Tour Rodeo in the United States in July.

Serena Wetherelt: And it was almost like, "today's the deadline, we need that money now." But are they even trying to fundraise themselves? \$35,000 is a lot of money that the Tribe is already obligated to give them. I don't see how they can't fundraise for it.

Melissa Fisher: And Hand Games always has that \$5,000 budget within the Powwow Committee, or within the powwow's budget.

Serena Wetherelt: But can't we get more, too?

Melissa Fisher: Yeah, Derek just needs to do a request for more.

Serena Wetherelt: Okay.

Norma Gourneau: This is why we all just need to sit and meet and talk about the budgets. Not just this in particular, but all of them. And we should already be preparing for FY23, that's in 3 months. We're not even thinking about next year, and we should be.

Serena Wetherelt: And I think the Acting Treasurer should give us a report on who's already submitted their FY23 budgets. So that, whoever hasn't done that yet, I'll need to get on them to get their budgets in.

Norma Gourneau: Okay, that's something you need to make sure your Program Directors are doing. What I'm talking about is General Fund, Permanent Fund, and ARPA funds. Those are things that we have control over, and those are the things that we need to be meeting on and figuring out, what did we receive, how much is left, and what do we need to do for the rest of the year. And then, we need to plan into next year. And we should be doing that right now. So, that's why I think it's important to have a budget meeting that focuses just on budgets. Even if it takes all day, we need to really sit down and look at what those budgets say, and what they're proposing for next year. And more importantly, what do we want with the remainder of those ARPA funds, and then we have General Fund, and Permanent Fund for next year. And those are things that we have direct control over.

Phillip Beckman: I think we should just go across the board and every bit of money that's given to any event, should be equal money. Because we can say that rodeo isn't a part of our culture, but I remember growing up, everybody rodeo'ed.

Diane Spotted Elk: Horses are a part of our culture, but not rodeos.

Phillip Beckman: Everybody I knew growing up did rodeos. It's what us kids, growing up, looked up to. We had role models that came through addictions and had clinics, rodeo schools,

for the kids around here. And encouraged them and it became a part of our community culture. The easiest thing we could do is just say everybody gets the same amount of money across the board. It would be different if we had hotels, restaurants, where money could be brought back into our economy. There's nothing here that keeps that money.

Serena Wetherelt: So, does that mean the Tribe has to obligate that much money?

Phillip Beckman: That's a good question, there. I've asked myself that question on events that we have here.

Debra Charette: If everything were open downtown, if we asked that the mini mall would be open, and then they can go out to the powwow. So, they can bring money back to the Tribe also.

Phillip Beckman: I think, that brings to mind our projects looking forward. You all are in it for another 2-3 years. Looking down the road, that's something that's pretty important. To me, it's kind of stupid to be pouring that money into events when none of that money is recouped, it's not kept here. It doesn't matter if it's a powwow, hand games, rodeo, basketball tournaments, whatever. We don't have enough things here to retain that money. So, arguing over this is kind of pointless, when we should be looking at how to fix this. And nothing is even across the board, with the donations to each event.

Lane Spotted Elk: So, I think the bottom line is we really need to figure out what our priorities are to continue all these supplements we're providing. If we want to keep up checkpoint security, that's going to eat up all the funding. Then we can look at all these other projects and see what's on the back burner for now, until we can get funding. But if we're not going to do any substantial projects, we should all come to that agreement. But if they are, we need to all come to that agreement as well. There's only a finite amount of funding that's left, and we really need to make a decision as a body to figure out what we want to do. Is it going to be language, food pantry, justice center, or a combination of things that we want to do. This is going to take everybody.

Diane Spotted Elk: I feel like going forward from here, it doesn't make any sense to plan anything when we don't even know what we have.

Lane Spotted Elk: And I think, you know, that's why we needed a single accountant to be responsible for providing reports. We were hoping that the ARPA program...I know right now they're really focused on the security, but maybe there are other things they should be focused on and maybe that priority needs to come from the leadership here to say, "we know that security's important, but we have these other priorities." Or if our priority *is* security, we should tell them that. Because we haven't been giving guidance, maybe that's why we're in the situation that we're in. Maybe we really need to write a resolution setting those priorities with ARPA. That way, everybody, the staff, has a clear understanding of what those priorities are for the Tribe.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, and one thing I've been thinking about, too, is that our water. We had that big list and everything. It's kind of a priority also. And do we have money in there, is it obligated?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, it's in there. But a lot of these water projects are becoming more costly than we originally planned. But the outcome is that people got water now. Those are success stories in themselves. And with Utilities, what happened last weekend, there were some major issues there. And a lot of residents didn't receive notices for the boil order. And I think that's a problem. And by law, we need to provide those notices, or we're in violation of the Clean Water Act.

Melissa Fisher: There was no communication with that Director. And the public. There was nothing. Saturday when we went out and did water again. I mean, Friday. We passed out four cases of water, but on the group chat, it said that it was for the Walking Horse Subdivision. So, there was no communication that it also included Rabbit Town. So, we delivered four cases of water to Walking Horse Subdivision, and nothing to Rabbit Town.

Diane Spotted Elk: Although Rabbit Town had water, but they were under a boil order. They shouldn't have been drinking it.

Melissa Fisher: So, there were a couple of families whose children got sick from drinking that water. And there was no notice and absolutely no communication from the Utilities, to the public in Rabbit Town.

[Madame President and Tribal Council continued their discussion on NCUC water issues.]

Lane Spotted Elk: I guess my solution for this would be to look at funding availability. And then we can kind of work off of those funds. Because I think something like this, people would have an interest in. I think we can identify funding somewhere to get something like this done.

Phillip Beckman: Even with the idea of programs pitching in, because it will service them, along with Norma's idea and the General Fund because then it opens it up because then it services all programs that we have. That sounds like a good deal.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay, so are you guys okay with moving forward on this? And then later this week we can find a funding source to cover this?

Melissa Fisher: Yeah.

Lane Spotted Elk: Okay.

Nizhoni Friesz: Is there a second?

Phillip Beckman: Yeah.

Diane Spotted Elk: You know, to me, it's similar to what Norma was trying to get hers across and we tabled it. So, for that reason of fairness, I'll say "no." And, I never heard when this meeting is going to take place. I'm referring to the budgets. When is that meeting going to take place?

Phillip Beckman: We have a meeting Monday.

Lane Spotted Elk: With this, it's either everybody's going to be on board, or we shouldn't do it because...

Diane Spotted Elk: I'm 110% in support of it.

Lane Spotted Elk: I want everybody to be comfortable with this, because I don't want somebody to say, "well, I didn't vote for that." I want this to be a unanimous decision because of the potential it has for the Tribe. If people are having second thoughts on this, then maybe we're not ready for it.

Diane Spotted Elk: No, it's not that.

Lane Spotted Elk: Well, that's what I'm getting.

Diane Spotted Elk: Okay, Lane. You're a politician, I get it.

Serena Wetherelt: We're doing the same thing with these other two also.

Diane Spotted Elk: Those are important, too. But we need to find a funding source that's obligated to those projects is all I'm saying.

Lane Spotted Elk: I'm saying, too, that there's BIA ARPA funding, there's still \$1 million unobligated.

Diane Spotted Elk: Yeah, I mean, the Justice Center needs money, Childcare needs money, so I just want that, because we're famous for this. That we do things, but it's not followed through in the process in which it was supposed to.

Melissa Fisher: But with RJS, this is how our programs are going to become self-sufficient. I think that it's important that we move forward with this, because it's needed.

Phillip Beckman: With all due respect, there was a difference with hers and if you want to talk about fairness and why it wasn't passed, it's because it was add-on. His was on the agenda already, as an item.

Diane Spotted Elk: There's no resolution to it. There's no financials, where it's even coming from. *That's* the point I'm trying to make.

Norma Gourneau: The idea is good. To provide those services, but my question is where is the money coming from? With budget revisions, when are we going to act on that part?

Phillip Beckman: I think Monday, isn't that what we agreed on?

Diane Spotted Elk: Well, it will be on the agenda for sure, is what my thought is. And we're going to pass it. But we need to have that meeting on the General Fund, ARPA, that meeting needs to take place and we need to move and obligate those dollars to specific projects that we want. That's all I'm saying.

Phillip Beckman: So, how about this. Since we already agreed on possibly Monday, then we do the Budget Finance to think about this, and then we do this, and by then, we'll hopefully have a better bearing on where that funding may come from. We inject that into the meeting. And then we do our special, and we take care of it all right there.

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, I'll withdraw my motion for this. We'll just let RJS know that right now we're not ready for this yet, but maybe Monday we will.

Diane Spotted Elk: Yes!

Lane Spotted Elk: And then, if we lose our spot, it's fine.

Diane Spotted Elk: No, actually, what you could tell him is that as of Monday, we...

Lane Spotted Elk: No, either it's approved or not approved. It's very simple. So, right now it's not approved.

Diane Spotted Elk: Alright. You just need an obligation, is what you're asking of the Council. I get it. And it was going to pass, not simply because of my vote.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

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				
Silver Little Eagle				
Henry Speelman				

-- votes Yes	-- votes No	-- Abstentions	Motion Withdrawn
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Phillip Beckman.

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			

8 votes Yes	1 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:33 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 1 abstention this 5th day of July 2022.



Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe