

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

REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES
March 21, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: Acting President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

INVOCATION: Henry Speelman

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette *On travel, Billings Quarterly Meetings			X
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Phillip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, Acting President *Presided over today's meeting	X		
Melissa Fisher *On travel --Polson Meeting			X
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Silver Little Eagle *Entered at 10:29 a.m.	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
Total:	9		2

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry Speelman: I would like to make an announcement. I went up to Fort Peck last week and I toured their wellness center. It's a pretty good building and I wish we had the finances to build something like that. Took them about 10 years of planning. They've invited the Council in April as well as Congressional members to visit. It was very encouraging, they were congratulating the basketball teams from Lame Deer, Colstrip, Lodge Grass, etc.

ELDERLY

No updates at this time.

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, what’s the status of the Elderly board? We’re getting some questions on that.

Serena Wetherelt: We have one person that...I called Roberta and informed her that we could go ahead and keep that board that’s on, with the exception of Ashland because they had never attended a meeting. So, there was one person that didn’t do their letter of interest, and that was for Busby district. The rest are back on, and we have one person from Ashland that put their letter of interest in. So, we just need one for Busby. TERO, I think we didn’t get any new letters of interest for that. The Grazing Board, we have 3, so we still need 2.

Eva Foote: Madame President, did you get any interest from Ashland on the Grazing Board?

Serena Wetherelt: Actually, the one that put in their letter of interest, they were interested in two—one was for Grazing Board, and the other was for Elderly. And they were due on the 18th at the close of business. So, on the Elderly Commission, we just need to get a hold of the previous representative just to see if she is going to confirm or not.

MINUTES

MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2022 RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION AND MARCH 14, 2022 SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETINGS

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Lane 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 *Absent for vote				X
Henry Speelman			X	

6 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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Diane Spotted Elk: What is your reason for abstaining?

Henry Speelman: I wasn’t here for the council meeting.

ADRIENNE VIOLETT ENTERED SESSION @ 10:22 A.M.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROVIDING CONSENT TO CONDUCT THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE PRESERVATION PROJECT

Adrienne Violet: I am Adrienne Violet, I'm the librarian here at Woodenlegs Library and we've been working on this grant that will do two things: (1) it will bring a mobile equipment kit for us to use and (2) the training consultation that goes with it. That kit will allow us to capture artifacts in a 3D image. And it will also allow us to go to sites and capture sites in that 3D world. So, we'll be able to, we'll preserve them digitally, or create a virtual museum or share with Cheyennes that are homebound, or live off the reservation. The fires really scared me and I saw the fire right behind the college on that hill, I came in and grabbed what I could in the dark and it just, after that I was spinning my wheels trying to find a way to preserve stuff the way it should be preserved, in a way that keeps it safe. And digital is one way to do that. So, in doing this, one of the outcomes will be that this kit will be put together so that other tribes can use it as well. Then, the consultation and the training that comes with it is what I'm really after with the grant, is to get some Archive Specialist in here that will go over what we're doing and make sure we're doing it right and in the best practices and that emergency procedures are in place. So, I do have some examples I can show you all if you want.

Lane Spotted Elk: Have you talked to our THPO Program?

Adrienne Violet: I've reached out, yeah. For sure. And that's the thing with it being mobile and at the library, is that to some extent, it would be able to checked out by the community.

Diane Spotted Elk: It's a really impressive program.

Adrienne Violet: I'm really excited about it, too.

Norma Gourneau: I have a question—what entity are you applying for funding from?

Adrienne Violet: It's the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and they do two grants for Native American Libraries and that's a basic grant, which is just a \$10,000 one that you pretty much get when you apply for it. This one is more competitive and that's where the partnership with San Jose State has been really nice is because they've already got grants that we're partnering with them on. So, this is just kind of an extension of that because it's already been approved for the Reading Nation Waterfalls and an I Warrior Program.

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Lane 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 *Absent for vote				X
Henry Speelman	X			

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Lane Spotted Elk: I just want to thank you for the work you're doing, it's greatly appreciated and maybe you can schedule to have us all come down and check it out.

Adrienne Violet: Oh, for sure. And I really encourage you to go to the website. COVID allowed me a lot of time to really dive into those archives and get them situated. They're searchable by name, place, topics, we can pull out old documents—it's really interesting. On the website, I've got a listening library, those are the oral recordings, I really want the library to reflect the community and I think oral history is a big part of that. The old newspapers, that's been part of my project. I'm getting our old newspapers up there for people to see. I really want people to share them with elders because they're fun articles. They're fun to go back through.

Diane Spotted Elk: And that's Woodenlegslibrary.com.

Adrienne Violet: And I'm open to suggestions, and if I overstep, please let me know. Anything like that.

Norma Gourneau: Well, your project sounds exciting.

Adrienne Violet: I'm excited, yeah. Thanks, you guys.

ADRIENNE VIOLETT EXITED SESSION @ 10:28 A.M.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING FUNDING TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE FROM BIA
FOR ONE-TIME FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FOR THE HORN
CREEK PROJECT—\$36,900.00 TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL
FORESTRY AND \$3,100.00 TO NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HISTORIC
PRESERVATION OFFICE FOR CULTURAL SURVEY**

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 *Absent for vote				X
Henry Speelman	X			

7 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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SILVER LITTLE EAGLE ENTERED SESSION @ 10:29 A.M.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING PROGRAMMING OF ARPA FUNDS TO COMPLETE SURVEYING
OF WATER & SEWER UTILITES IN THE BUSBY, BIRNEY, AND ASHLAND
COMMUNITIES, HIRING UTILITY MAPPING SERVICES, INC. AS THE
CONTRACTOR**

Lane Spotted Elk: This resolution authorizes ARPA funding to complete Utility Mapping for Busby, Birney, and Ashland. Essentially, this resolution will finish our reservation-wide project of identifying water and sewer lines. With CARES ACT funding, we allocated funding for the Lane Deer District. So, that project has been completed by Utility Mapping Services, Inc. and so they're the same vendor that will essentially map out all of the districts on the reservation. Because this is the first step of identifying all of our water and sewer issues that we've been having and it's just knowing what's there, what's in the ground. So, they'd do the water main, distribution system, water lines, things like that. So, this would really be crucial data in looking at our capacity and things like that. [Reads Resolution]. The last "Whereas," that would give the Acting President the authority to negotiate the contract terms for the UMS services.

Serena Wetherelt: Are you going to insert that in there?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yes, that will be the change instead of what's in there now.

Serena Wetherelt: And you need to eliminate Muddy, too? Since they got theirs.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, so Muddy and Lane Deer already got their mapping done, so it would be for Busby, Birney, and Ashland. So, after this project, the entire reservation will be mapped.

Norma Gourneau: I guess the point is that the sole source to this contractor, they've already done the work for the other two districts.

Lane Spotted Elk: I guess the issue with that is the intial contract was paid for with CARES ACT funding and that funding has been closed out by Treasury and doesn't exist anymore for that initial source funding.

Norma Gourneau: But this is a really good example of the properties of the water and sewer mandates in ARPA. It needs to be done.

Lane Spotted Elk: So, I've attached emails here from the proposed consultant so it would be a total of \$257,128 and there's a breakdown by different districts. Because every district is kind of

unique as far as the structure and management. Another important thing is that once we have this data and we track and overlay it with GIS and things like that, so...

Phillip Beckman: So, there wasn't an RP put out on this one? Why not?

Lane Spotted Elk: Well, I think just the specialized nature of the contract, initially when the tribe under the CARES ACT, secured the services in the same manner. Just because of the specialized nature of it, there is a need. This weekend, we had another water issue come up, so I think everyone is kind of well aware of that.

Phillip Beckman: The thing with sole sourcing is that it's a matter of convenience, and that's a problem.

Diane Spotted Elk: It's the urgency.

Phillip Beckman: No, I'm in full support of this. I'm just making a comment in general. This is something that's been happening for years now. The water's been pretty bad.

Serena Wetherelt: Yeah, I think it's also relevant that we also stay with the same company, so that all of our mapping is done the same.

Lane Spotted Elk: And then where the nexus to fire protection, they map all of the existing hydrants, so that way it gives us an idea of where the existing hydrants are to make sure that they're in working order in case of a fire or things like that. That's another issue, as far as water and sewer, for the hydrants, you know...

Phillip Beckman: There's one hydrant by head start that doesn't even work.

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, some have been covered up over the years and their equipment can find those.

Phillip Beckman: This is encouraging because this is a long time coming.

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	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

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			

7 votes Yes	1 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:38 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 0 abstentions this 5th day of April 2022.



Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

