

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

October 3, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Phillip Beckman

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote *Arrived at 9:56 a.m.	X		
Phillip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk *Bereavement Leave			X
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Henry Speelman	X		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>1</b>

Quorum Established

**MOTION TO ADD ON: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PROJECT SPECIFIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ALLOWING LIMITED SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE ASHLAND WALK PATH**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote *Briefly absent for vote				X
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			

<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO ADD ON: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS FOR INDIANS GRANT FOR JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, FOR THIS GRANT’S FUNDING PERFORMANCE PERIOD OF 5 YEARS**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Phillip Beckman.

**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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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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Debra Charette: #8, is that the same as the one I just added on, Serena?

President Wetherelt: Yeah, the first one that you did.

Debra Charette: Okay, so we didn’t need to do #11, sorry guys.

Melissa Fisher: Oh, okay.

**MOTION TO ADD ON: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH LITTLECOYOTE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE LAME DEER DISTRICT HALL**

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Norma Gourneau.

**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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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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**MOTION TO ADD ON: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR LITTLECOYOTE CONSTRUCTION, LLC TO CONSTRUCT THE FOOD PANTRY**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>2 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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Eva Foote: I am voting “no” because there are other construction that can do this work, and I don’t think it’s fair that only one construction gets the job. It should be open to others.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: I just have a question. Is he going to be doing both of them at the same time because Birney Hall isn’t done yet. Is he going to get that done?

Melissa Fisher: The work is in progress now.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: Then we’re going to give him two more?

Debra Charette: Is it because he’s waiting on supplies, or is it because...? We have to remember that the supply chain is slow right now.

Norma Gourneau: And all we're voting is to add it on. All these questions and discussion can take place if it gets on the agenda.

**CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK ENTERED SESSION @ 10:00 A.M.**

Capt. Killsback: Good morning, thank you for inviting me over. I haven't updated you all for about a month. I know we had those AFA negotiations in Billings in August. And I wanted to update you all. Technically, we're still in the pandemic and as of now, from my report this morning, we don't have any active cases, no hospitalizations, and no transfers due to COVID. We have a total of 2,049 recovered patients.

Debra Charette: Is that for 2022, or the whole thing?

Capt. Killsback: That's accumulative, so that's as of last Thursday. So, those are the latest numbers I have for that. A few things about the AFA negotiations, we had a meeting with BOH and the SDPI funding, the contract with podiatry services, I did not receive an email request with statement of work. Next, I want to focus on the transportation issues, it's been in discussion even at the area level. We'll be having a meeting with Crow as well. So, basically, that contract was retroceded back to us in 2011 is my understanding, and there's some limitations that go along with that. I spoke with my Transportation Coordinator about the issue of patients being left or not being able to get back to Lame Deer. One of the issues, there's three scenarios with that. First, Transportation from the ambulance service is from a referral from our E.R. to the Billings E.R., and those people that get discharged, we do give them rides back. But the people that we can't give rides back are those who are discharged "A.M.A." which is "Against Medical Advice." They basically self-discharge and once that happens, we can't guarantee transportation back because the patient is self-discharging from that service. The second scenario is when the patient is self-referred from the community and sent to Billings E.R. or Billings Healthcare system. In that case, we can't transport back because they weren't referred by our healthcare facility. And third, someone might be referred up to Billings and transported to the E.R. and is discharged "A.M.A." and comes back to the E.R. in Billings and wants transportation back to the Cheyenne Reservation. We can't transit then, either. I think that's where a lot of confusion came in. There are case managers in our IHS Service Unit and they're aware of those cases. I think those who fall through the cracks are those who are in one of these three scenarios. The ambulance service is also a Tribal program, run by the BOH. That's been an issue, is there are only two ambulances in the Tribal community. Their policy is that they have to have one ambulance here, and if they transport someone to Billings, they won't leave the community if one is already in route to the Billings hospital. That's something that BOH would need to work on, because it's out of my hands, it's your contracted dollars. Maybe you all could do a cost share or some type of partnership with Bighorn County or Rosebud County. The good news is that we have two new doctors, Dr. Jeffrey Kennedy and his wife is a Pediatrician, so we have two M.D. providers on staff. And I'm still always actively recruiting. So, my Transportation Supervisor wanted me to bring to the Tribal Council, we have space in the Clinic, the western part where our dock and facilities department are. There are two offices there that haven't been used for quite some time, but we wanted to get those offices back specifically for our Transportation Unit. We're working on hiring another Transportation Driver. [Capt. Killsback continued to provide IHS update.]

**CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK EXITED SESSION @ 10:47 A.M.**

**JANIS SPEAR ENTERED SESSION @ 10:48 A.M.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING PROJECT SPECIFIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN  
CHEYENNE TRIBE AND MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
ALLOWING LIMITED SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE ASHLAND WALK PATH**

Janis Spear: Good morning. For those of you that were at the meeting in Billings last week, we talked with Shane Mintz from MDT and he had submitted some PSA (Project Specific Agreements), that he needed to have back so that they could put projects into their budget. One of them, Ashland Walk path, from Rabbit Town to the town of Ashland. Another one is Ashland East, they're going to redo the road like they did towards Busby. But this resolution is specific to the walk path. So, they're going to be responsible to get if funded, and Road Maintenance will be responsible for the maintenance of it, on the reservation portion of the walk path. Are there any questions?

Melissa Fisher: So, your department will have a sweeper there in the winter months?

Janis Spear: Yeah, and we're kind of talking about them giving us a skid steer with a brush. That way we don't have to haul one over there every day.

Melissa Fisher: Yes, a sweeper. Even in the winter months, those kids walk and people walk and especially with the Rosebud County cops and how bad they've been towards Tribal members, those kids have to walk from Rabbit Town to school at Ashland Public because a lot of Tribal members don't have insurance for their vehicles. And so they have to walk to school. Even in the winter months, those kids and people are walking.

Janis Spear: I wasn't concerned about the maintenance of it, the walk path, but the portion I was concerned about was that they're going to build a walking bridge.

Debra Charette: It will keep them off the main bridge, and on the side so that they're not walking across the bridge where traffic is. So, that's a big plus.

Janis Spear: So, they started talking about providing that equipment for us. And it sounds like if this resolution is passed, it sounds like they're going to start this coming summer.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Debra Charette.

**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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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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**JANIS SPEAR EXITED SESSION @ 10:53 A.M.**

Melissa Fisher: Really quick, so since it was already on the agenda and we added it on and it passed, we need to make a motion to remove it.

Debra Charette: I make a motion to withdraw #11.

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PROJECT SPECIFIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ALLOWING LIMITED SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR THE ASHLAND WALK PATH**

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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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**BUDGETS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Norma Gourneau: Madame President, I have a question. On the 050 Budget Indirect Cost Pool, does it include those provisions for the Legislative Branch? The reason I'm asking is that I haven't seen the Indirect Cost Budget or the General Fund budget. I've been asking for it.

President Wetherelt: Well, the General Fund budget did come to my office, along with some other budgets. The Budget & Finance had not signed off on that one, so I sent it back, so you guys should be getting that one back for signature. But I did not see the Indirect Cost Pool.

Melissa Fisher: That day that we talked about those positions, weren't they in there.

Norma Gourneau: I just want to make sure that they're in there. If they're in there, I don't have a problem with the rest of the budget. If they're not in there, I have a problem.

Lane Spotted Elk: I think, um, what happened was, the transition of the former Director of Finance, were in the process of getting those added in. But what I was told, too, was that is being researched right now. So, those could be added in with a simple budget revision. But, this would basically get our FY23's. We could do a budget modification to add those positions into 050 because I know our comptrollers, I saw an email last week, where we're getting those added back in. But this budget does not have them in, but if the Council wants to wait to add those in, we could wait to approve 050 today. And 850B and 100P, if that's something Council wants to do.

Debra Charette: But you could still bring it to life and do a "mod."

Melissa Fisher: You could still pass it and just do a modification.

Norma Gourneau: But I'm finding that, once it's passed, what happens is that there is no room to add or there's...that's generally what the budget is going to be. If that's the case, then if those positions aren't in there, even though we were told back in August that they would be in there, and they would be part of the Indirect Cost Proposal. So, that is what I was told and that's what I went by. So, last week when I was asking to see the budget, I was told that those positions were not in there.

Debra Charette: We're talking to the former Budget & Finance Director. When we went through the Indirect Cost Pool and we were talking about those, the one they were submitting was for FY22, which is gone now.

Norma Gourneau: And I understand that it was not going to be in FY22, but for FY23, they assured me that those would be in there. And if they're not in this budget that we're going to be voting on, then I ...just from experience, if it's left off, it's much harder to get it back on there in the budget process.

Lane Spotted Elk: I guess, Madame President, what I'll do is I'll amend my motion to approve 850B and 100P, and then pending the research of 050, I guess if the Council is okay with that. That way, when we approve 050, it would be a complete budget.

Norma Gourneau: Well, just based on that, 850B, do we have money in there for reimbursement costs for programs that we take on, that may not provide funding ahead of time. And, did we put money in there for RJ Swan for proposal writing services. And did we put money in there for litigation expense?

Debra Charette: Yeah, they're in there.

Lane Spotted Elk: I think, depending on how we move forward with the lawsuit, too, we may not need to use those. But they're in there. I think there's \$100,000 for the lawsuit.

Norma Gourneau: And we have cash flow to fund those reimbursement programs?

Debra Charette: Yes.

Lane Spotted Elk: So, I guess we could have a special Budget Finance by the end of this week to review 050 and make sure those positions are in there. I guess, if the Council's comfortable with that, so I can amend my motion to approve 850B and 100P, and 050 we can do a little more research on it.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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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**WALLACE BEARCHUM ENTERED SESSION @ 11:04 A.M.**

Debra Charette: How'd your relay team do?

Wallace Bearchum: Relay hangover. We've been doing good.

Norma Gourneau: His team is doing really well. I'm glad you're keeping that up.

Debra Charette: Let's give him a round of applause. [All applaud].



**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF FIFTY-SEVEN (57) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

<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 APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR SIX (6) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS**

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR FOUR (4) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL**

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**WALLACE BEARCHUM EXITED SESSION @ 11:10 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Henry Speelman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REPROGRAMMING FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY WELL SERVICES TO HIRE TRISTAN LONEBEAR AS THE CONTRACTOR**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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 APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A NORTHERN CHEYENNE UTILITY COMMISSION APPLICATION TO THE MONTANA COAL BOARD FOR A COAL IMPACT GRANT**

Lane Spotted Elk: So, the grant was approved at \$133,000.00 so that needs to be added to the resolution. It's for NCUC Vehicle and Equipment Purchase, so that needs to be factored into the resolution as well. So, the "Whereas, Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission will cooperate with the Montana Coal Board requirement and the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe hereby waives limited sovereign immunity from suit for the limited purposes of allowing the Montana Coal Board to pursue remedies against Tribal violations per Grant/Contract requirements. That's kind of a condition for accepting Coal Board funding and it's been done many times in the past for many programs. Actually, for NCUC as well. So, they require a resolution to accept the funding.

President Wetherelt: I have something. When we waive our limited sovereign immunity, I think we should have here, like on the agreement, it should say if it's 6 months or whatever it is, we should specify it in there.

Debra Charette: Well, I think this one specifies it for this grant.

Serena Wetherelt: Is it on the grant?

Debra Charette: It's in the resolution for this grant. Because what they're going to do is, they're going to use this money to purchase equipment. And that's why he put on there, the amount should be on there, and it's for the vehicle and for the equipment. Those changes, that's how it would read, right?

President Wetherelt: So, I'll just make sure those changes are there.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE CULTURAL COMMISSION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. DOI-085 (2022)**

President Wetherelt: [Reads resolution]. Therefore, be it resolved that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby concurs with and approves the aforementioned appointments of Vincent WhiteCrane, Billford Curley, Calvin Brady, Sr., Roger Killnight, Sr., Alec Sandcrane, and Wallace Bearchum (alternate) as members of the Northern Cheyenne Cultural Commission effective immediately.

Norma Gourneau: I actually wanted a woman on there, but if that's your recommendation, then I'll vote "yes."

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

<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 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY BASED ON THE CURRENT SUICIDE EPIDEMIC ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION, COMPELLING THE GOVERNING BODY TO REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS RESPONSE**

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: I just wanted to say, I think we should've asked Damion if he has any services for this.

Melissa Fisher: I truly believe that we had this program once before under Board of Health and we need to get it back.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: Yeah.

Debra Charette: Where did the funding come from when it was under the Tribe?

Silver Little Eagle: I vote yes, but I think it's important that, since we're declaring a state of emergency, that it's an Emergency Operating Plan, and that we do that right away.

Motion made by Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. 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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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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Lane Spotted Elk: Councilwoman Little Eagle, if the Vice President and who seconded that, Melissa Fisher? If they're okay with adding a whereas, to adding that to the EOP, you could do a revote on it. Because I know that's important to you.

Silver Little Eagle: So, would we rescind that one?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, we could do it as a whereas, the Tribe would modify the EOP to include that.

Debra Charette: Ernest and Melissa, if you guys are okay with adding that.

Phillip Beckman: I think you would have to amend the motion and rescind it.

Melissa Fisher: You could just add that amendment to it.

Nizhoni Friesz: Would we do another vote, or amend what we just voted on.

Debra Charette: Yeah, since everyone agrees to add it, you could just amend it.

Phillip Beckman: You could just amend it, second, and vote.

Debra Charette: Yeah.

**MOTION TO AMEND: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY BASED ON THE CURRENT SUICIDE EPIDEMIC ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION, COMPELLING THE GOVERNING BODY TO REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR AN IMMEDIATE CRISIS RESPONSE**

Motion made by Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. 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			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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Lane Spotted Elk: Madame President, could we do #13 and #14? CJ is here if there are any kind of technical questions that we could ask. He came over from Birney, they were doing that over

there. I figured it would be good to have him here for any questions, things like that. And Nizhoni, could we get copies of these for everybody?

President Wetherelt: Okay, yeah.

Nizhoni Friesz: Yeah.

**CJ LITTLECOYOTE ENTERED SESSION @ 11:26 A.M.**

Lane Spotted Elk: Hello CJ, we just wanted to see if anyone had any questions for you today. There was a question, kind of aside from this, of Birney Hall, where we're at with things, if you could provide a quick update there.

CJ LittleCoyote: Right now, we just finished up putting in our rafters last week, got all of our decking in for the roof. I've got to go pick up material for the metal for the roof tomorrow in Ryegate. Then the roof should be on, all of our walls are in, plumbing is ready to roll, we just have to start hanging electrical over the next few days. Dry wall, next week sometime, flooring, and we're installing all of our fixtures and it's really not that long of a process now that we have the walls and the roof on. The biggest part about it right now is waiting on materials, but that's a matter of me going up to Billings and picking up materials. It shouldn't be too much long of a wait. I'm hoping by the end of the month, we should be completed. I was trying to figure out a way I could put video on, from last week before we got all of our decking on. I don't know if you want me to put that on video, but we are really close.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: I think some of us want to go and do a walk through.

CJ LittleCoyote: I saw you coming back on Friday, shot you a message on facebook, but must not have gone through, so you could stop by.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: I don't open my messages all the time.

Melissa Fisher: Yeah, so if we could just schedule that walk through for anybody that wants to go through.

CJ LittleCoyote: You bet. We've got all of our insulation there, we just got to go pick up drywall, electrical material, light fixtures, toilets, sinks, stuff like that. It's just a matter of getting all of the materials on the ground and getting ready to install now.

Melissa Fisher: And another question, how many job positions do you offer?

CJ LittleCoyote: Currently? Right now, there's 4 for sure, and one married to a tribal member, so 5, well 6 altogether. Either directly enrolled or married to a tribal member.

Melissa Fisher: Okay, thank you.

CJ LittleCoyote: So, all my workforce is either Cheyenne or married to a Cheyenne right now.



Melissa Fisher: I also wanted to thank you. Yesterday, some events were held at the Ashland Hall, and it was very nice. They went into the evening, so it was very nice to see our elders be able to stay in there, be warm and comfortable, and be able to attend the whole event, rather than having to leave when it got cold. And the lights were bright enough for people to get to their vehicles, so I just wanted to thank you for all of your hard work and we're enjoying our hall.

CJ LittleCoyote: Thank you guys. You all had that dream of getting all of these halls done, and it's really awesome to see people use them in a good way.

Norma Gourneau: Are we still going to make some time to go over the Busby project?

CJ LittleCoyote: Yeah, as soon as you're ready, I can.

Melissa Fisher: I was trying to coordinate that with Georgette, but she said someone else had the key to the hall, so then it was kind of, we were going in circles to get CJ connected with the right person with the key.

Norma Gourneau: I understand that Charity PrettyBoy has the key.

Melissa Fisher: Maybe if you could schedule that time with charity, we could just coordinate that with CJ.

Debra Charette: I think we have people at our hall all the time, so, stop by... our security.

Melissa Fisher: Did you get into Muddy yet?

CJ LittleCoyote: Yep, I got some of the material I needed for Birney, we got to get that ranch hood positioned and installed before start drywalling and getting all of our electrical. It would be a lot easier to get it in while the framing is exposed, so, we had to go get it the week before last.

Lane Spotted Elk: So, I guess just looking at the two quotes here, the quote for the Lane Deer District Community Hall in Lane Deer, it's a little bit higher. And that's because of a recommendation from our last meeting with the President, wanting larger bathrooms, shower, everything for the community to use for events. That's kind of the main difference.

CJ LittleCoyote: I was looking at it and the utilities for the water, I'm thinking we need to put our own drain filler in, just because the way the elevation sits. Otherwise, we're going to pump it up and pumps fail. It would just be about save yourself some time now and install a drain fill, tap it into the city water, that way if something happens further down the road, you're not trying to fix it because we can avoid it now.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: About Birney, do you think the floor's going to last?

CJ LittleCoyote: Oh yeah, as long as we have heating in there, it's going to last.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: Because at the shelter, we have that same kind of floor, and once it gets wet, it starts...

CJ LittleCoyote: Is it glued down, or is it laminate?

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: It aint' glued down, but it's got that laminate.

CJ LittleCoyote: This stuff is Luxury Vinyl Flooring, it's not a laminate, so there's no wood materials in it. It's basically a plastic, stamped sheet of vinyl. If it gets wet, it's meant to get wet. It's found in hospitals, Albertson's, a lot of retirement homes are using it. We put a bunch of it up at the Heritage Center, and that was over a year ago and they are liking it. [At Birney Hall] it's waterproof and glued down, so there's no way it will lift unless extreme heat or extreme cold is there.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: You guys put new heaters in there?

CJ LittleCoyote: Yep, there's new heaters in there. We're getting rid of all the propane lines inside because that's not to code. It probably was 30-40 years ago when they put the heaters in, but now your propane lines have to be in the wall or outside the wall. They can't be exposed, especially lines like that. So, we're running all propane lines outside.

Vice President Littlemouth, Sr.: Since we're talking about it, who has the key?

Melissa Fisher: Right now, the contractor has the key. And as soon as the contractor's done and finished, they'll turn the key over to the District.

CJ LittleCoyote: Every time you guys need me to open it, just give me a call. I've opened it up quite a bit.

Melissa Fisher: So, with the Lame Deer Community Center, do we need to get the quote on the kitchen equipment? To get it installed.

CJ LittleCoyote: We'll keep the same install rate like the other [halls].

Melissa Fisher: At the time when we purchased the commercial kitchen equipment, it was left off for the Lame Deer District, because they didn't have a hall yet. So, I'll go ahead and start the process for getting that commercial equipment ordered, for the council to review and get it included with the building, too.

Henry Speelman: For the Lame Deer Community Center and the Food Pantry, is there a completion date?

CJ LittleCoyote: Right now, we're waiting on, the structure itself, as soon as we submit an order, they'll give us a turnaround date of when it's completed. As of last month, they were saying middle of December, so maybe that bumped out just because of the time change of getting all of this situated. The supplier I have now, he's pretty much guaranteeing within 3-4 months for

delivery on the ground, from when you place your order. Everywhere else, the main distributor, Chief, Red Iron, there's a lot of big companies that are booked until the first part of summer, or middle of summer. Getting our structure up, it's coming complete with roof and siding, so that's a lot of time saved there. So, we can have our concrete finished at least in November, all of the new building roughly dried in, I'd say about a month and a half, two months, fully erected. And then we can start working on interior in the middle of winter.

Melissa Fisher: So, that will create more jobs, correct?

CJ LittleCoyote: Oh yeah, I'm going to need a lot more help, just on the concrete alone.

Melissa Fisher: So, maybe if you could get with our TERO, Joni Kay could do an announcement out on our website, and then we could solicit for you, for more laborers.

CJ LittleCoyote: And dependent on if the contracts do go through, that is what we're trying to mirror both projects as far as our concrete, we'll have the structural engineering done on both of them. And as soon as we get our quotes back, it's just the detailed engineering, your bolt columns of the building, and as soon as we get those, we're ready to go. I have this guy originally from Fort Peck, he's a licensed, but not a master plumber. He has a license to install, but a master plumber has to come and review his work before he signs off. And he's done a lot of work in Billings and can get his work signed off, so it shouldn't be a problem. But the only thing I'm working on right now is electrical, so either CEI, or there's a guy in Broadus I've been talking with, to do our electrical.

CJ LittleCoyote: Alright, well I guess, CJ, we just wanted this time to ask questions, but, Madame President, could we take a small break? We need to clarify one thing.

President Wetherelt: Okay, we'll recess for a small break.

**RECESS COUNCIL SESSION @ 11:43 A.M.**

**RECONVENED COUNCIL SESSION @ 12:19 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</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 *Arrived at 12:21 p.m.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Phillip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Serena Wetherelt, President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk *Bereavement Leave</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>		

<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>1</b>

Quorum Established

**EVA FOOTE ENTERED SESSION @ 12:21 P.M.**

President Wetherelt: What's next on the agenda?

Debra Charette: We're still on the LittleCoyote Construction, aren't we?

President Wetherelt: Oh, okay.

Lane Spotted Elk: I guess, Madame President, I'd like to request an Executive Session @ 12:22 p.m.

President Wetherelt: Okay, granted.

**COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 12:22 P.M.**

**COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 1:12 P.M.**

**COUNCIL RE-ENTERED INTO REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION @ 1:12 P.M.**

**A MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM #13**

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

**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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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 MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM #14**

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

**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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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 APPOINTING LANE SPOTTED ELK AS THE TRIBAL TREASURER FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE**

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. 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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Talawyma</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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President Wetherelt: And one abstention.

Nizhoni Friesz: Oh yes, I'm sorry, one abstention as well.

Melissa Fisher: So, with this motion carrying, then he resigns from his job as Tribal Council? As of today?

Norma Gourneau: What did you say?

Melissa Fisher: So, since the motion carried, does he resign from his job as Tribal Council, as of today?

Norma Gourneau: Yeah, that's what his letter said. You have to understand, guys, it *was* advertised, and there *were* no applicants. We followed the process, it was advertised.

Melissa Fisher: Yeah, but how long has it been since he withdrew his application? We should just keep that consistency and re-advertise. I mean, nothing against Lane, he could still be the only applicant this next time. There could still be only 3 applicants, then he could still be the most qualified.

Norma Gourneau: You make a good point.

Melissa Fisher: That's all, nothing against Lane, I just wanted to see the consistency of being fair and advertising the position. We started that when we advertised this position.

Phillip Beckman: Only thing that's consistent is our inconsistency.

Henry Speelman: Okay, let's move on to the next item.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS FOR  
INDIANS GRANT FOR JANUARY 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, FOR  
THIS GRANT'S FUNDING PERFORMANCE PERIOD OF 5 YEARS**

Melissa Fisher: So, is this what Damion was talking about, that he never got a request from her?

Debra Charette: Well, the other request, she was requesting to take over Podiatry.

Melissa Fisher: I know, but she was supposed to request the SDPI.

Debra Charette: With things that happened down there, this is why it's being requested now. She was a Tribal Health Administrator that just got done, and she's now requesting this to make that deadline.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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Nizhoni Friesz: Melissa just brought up a good point. Do you all want to add on the quorum requirement change resolution right now?

Melissa Fisher: Yes, because he's resigning as of today, so, we'll need to change the quorum set. I'll make that motion to add it on.

**MOTION TO ADD ON: A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LANE SPOTTED ELK FROM HIS POSITION AS LAME DEER DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. 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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>		<b>X</b>		

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>1 vote No</b>	<b>1 Abstention</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO ADD ON: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RESTORING QUORUM REQUIREMENT FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. 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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			

Henry Speelman	X			
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9 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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**A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LANE SPOTTED ELK FROM HIS POSITION AS LAME DEER DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Henry Speelman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk			X	
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RESTORING QUORUM REQUIREMENT FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk				X
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention	Motion Carried
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Eva Foote: I have a question. Madame President and Council, Vice President Littlemouth, could we put the Cross-Deputization on the ballot to see if people would like to see it or not?

President Wetherelt: My own thought, I think first we need to go out to the Districts. Because there's a lot of negative, I mean people don't know what we're doing.

Debra Charette: I guess you could still put it out there, like now. You can have a for or against. To know what we're up against, seeing if people want to do it, if it will actually work out. And from this election to the next election, we can get stuff out to the public. Because we had a community meeting and I went out there and talked about it, and yes, there was a lot of misinformation out there. But after we explained it and they wanted to talk to people in Fort Peck, because we told them they had it out there. And they weren't all against it, and they weren't all for it, but they were for getting more information. And I thought that was good because we all don't know, either. We didn't get our draft. And now that we have a draft, we're looking at it. Maybe it will work, maybe it won't. But like, other people coming at us and saying, what if they don't have enough man power, either? They don't have enough manpower to come and patrol our highways, that's information that we have to get, to get it out to the people, to let them know.

Henry Speelman: Biggest thing is our Indian Highway Patrolman would have jurisdiction over all members.

Debra Charette: And we're working with Indian Highway Safety. We're working our side with them. But when it comes to who we have to work with, there's nobody there. And so, we hired someone who is more than qualified, and more than willing to get out there and patrol our highways. And he's got roadblock after roadblock after roadblock with who he has to work with. I mean, we're trying on our side, it's not that we're not trying. But we have somebody on the other side that has trust responsibility that's not upholding their side. And so, that's where we sit.

Eva Foote: And then we could put, you know, would you like your district?

Debra Charette: It should go out to all districts.

Norma Gourneau: We should have meetings anyway.

Debra Charette: Yeah, because even if we don't do it at this time, maybe it's a better fit further down the line, like after I'm gone. Maybe it will come back again. But at least we're putting our best foot forward for our people and our safety. When you drive down Hwy 212 and you go over that hill to Ashland, what are you fighting? Trucks. Tailgating you. There's never been a night where I was going home and a truck didn't stay on my tail and I went to turn and I'm probably 6 inches from them if I pulled off on the side of the road. We've had one wreck in my driveway and it was from a semi that came all the way across into my driveway and hit that individual. They were pulled off of the highway.

Henry Speelman: Should we do this for the Primary Election, then?

Debra Charette: Yeah, let's do "for or against," and then we'll start getting information out there.

Norma Gourneau: Yeah, for the November ballot?

Debra Charette: Yeah.

Gwen Talawyma: Yeah, me and Silver attended the community meeting, not the same time, I left and then she showed up. That's a lot of what they brought up was that they need more information. And I know we were thinking of everyone's safety, but we have to think of the membership, too.

Debra Charette: Yeah, and thank you girls for attending that on our behalf. I appreciate that.

Eva Foote: So, November ballot?

Debra Charette: No, because we're not rushing into it.

President Wetherelt: So, with our meetings, are we at a standstill on this for now?

Norma Gourneau: We still have to have meetings.

Debra Charette: Yeah, we're just negotiating now. We still haven't said, "yes, we're going to do it." We're finding out just as much information to pass on to the public because we don't know what Highway Patrol does or County, that's why we're all in this together so that we can come down to something that we can put out there and say this is what we have it looking like.

Gwen Talawyma: And from what I've heard is they're going to continue to have community meetings at each district and we're all still invited to each one.

Melissa Fisher: You know, I think we do all of these demand letters to the government over whatever, and why can't we do a demand letter to Highway Patrol to demand them to patrol this road?

Debra Charette: We did have them in here.

Melissa Fisher: I think we do need to do more to demand them and continue to demand that from our own officers that are here. Or else start looking at getting tribal police back and have them patrol. Instead of having... the cross deputation just isn't going to work because we own 98% of our reservation, it ain't going to work.

Debra Charette: And it's only in the corridors of the highway, it's not going off and that's where we get into trouble when we're going out of the corridor. It would just be the corridor or 212, 39, and 314. But that's what we've got to look at to see if it would work.

Melissa Fisher: But the racial profiling is still going to take place in Ashland.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</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>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Talawyma</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 1:31 P.M.**

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 7 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.



Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

