

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

SPECIAL SESSION

MINUTES
March 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

INVOCATION: Nizhoni Friesz

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear <i>*by phone</i>	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Torrey Davie <i>*arrived @ 9:14 a.m. by phone</i>		X	
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President		X	
Silver Little Eagle <i>*arrived @ 9:15 a.m.</i>		X	
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	9	3	

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

ITEM #1– CPRG IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: You have before you a resolution authorizing submission of a proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a climate pollution reduction program implementation grant general competition. The Environmental Protection Agency, which we know as EPA, is administering a program under the Inflation Reduction Act called the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant which provides federal funding for governmental organizations, including tribes, to empower them to take climate action. The purpose of the CPRG program is to provide funding to address climate pollution and deliver clean energy, which dovetails with the Tribe’s goals of protecting the natural world, reducing the impacts of

climate change, and pursuing sustainable energy opportunities. In 2023, the Tribe received a CPRG grant to design a climate action plan and take other related actions. the CPRG program has a subsequent phase of grants to implement measures from the Priority Climate Action Plan developed with planning grant funding. Obtaining a CPRG planning grant and submitting a Priority Climate Action Plan by March 1, 2024 are prerequisites to obtaining a CPRG general competition implementation grant, the Tribe has satisfied both prerequisites and the Tribal Council wishes to support the CPRG general completion implementation grant application. The Tribal Council approves and authorizes the submission of a CPRG implementation grant application to EPA and approves, authorizes and instructs the Tribal President, the Tribal staff and consultants to submit the proposal on behalf of the Tribe and take all actions necessary actions to implement this Resolution. That’s my motion.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION PORGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT GENERAL COMPETITION

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President				X
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #2- BUDGETS

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: We have a new employee, Josh Peppers. He is our Budget Analyst and we are breaking him in right now. So, he is going to come in and present the budgets. He did a lot of hard work on them and meeting with us. I’d also like to let you know that he’s active and he goes out to the departments and visits with them at their offices.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I’d like to commend him because he’s been working with me also. Bringing them in for my review before they go down there. So, it’s working really good.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: So, it’s working better?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok.

JOSH PEPPERS: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available funds.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Reservation pursuant to the Amended Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 31, 1996: and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has under Article IV, Section 1., (f) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws, the power to make expenditures from available funds when authorized by resolution adopted in legal session of the Tribal Council and properly described by the budgeting process, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to make certain expenditures from those funds, and the Budget Finance Committee of the Tribal Council with recommendation by the Administration or Competent Board has considered such budget modification requests, now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the following budgets to be enacted or modified and approves the contemplated expenditures contained in the presented budgets, subject to the listed conditions, restrictions or constraints:

Program Budgets FY 2024

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
032	Tribal Scholarship	\$ 25,960.00
108	Land Board	\$1,980,266.39
197	THPO	\$ 895,688.64
298	Tribal Forestry	\$ 6,800.93
309	Childcare Development & Fund	\$ 714,785.40
318A	Childcare Development & Fund	\$ 114,180.60
321	Elderly	\$ 74,634.18
328	Elderly	\$ 164,346.58
366	Elderly	\$ 433,220.00
377	Elderly	\$ 187,300.00
391	LIWHAP	\$ 74,631.10
455	Head Start	\$ 1,648,994.00
549	Healing Hearts	\$ 997,581.00
570	LIWHAP	\$ 80,719.80
595B	NC Department of Transportation	\$ 974,306.94
610	Healing Hearts	\$ 662,428.00
631	Rosebud Lodge	\$ 1,231,997.30
678	FY18 TTP Operating Grant	\$ 116,196.57
683	Federal Transit Administration	\$ 107,904.40
769	Human Services	\$ 280,583.00
773	Tribal Consistency Fund	\$ 560,000.00

794	Johnson O'Malley	\$ 94,139.84
825	NC Investigative Services	\$ 179,491.90
829	NCIS – Telecommunications	\$ 528,468.00
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830R	Childcare	\$ 945,577.00
830T	Tribal Education	\$ 1,379,028.32
831	Healing Hearts	\$ 106,788.00
836	FHWA – Mapping Project	\$ 7,681.50
840F	NC Fire Protection	\$ 361,613.26
841	NC Investigative Services	\$ 89,392.00

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS. FUNDS 032 THROUGH 841.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau				X
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President				X
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 votes Yes	1 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:


	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice-President				X
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			

Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:24 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstention on this 7th day of May 2024.


 Edina Redstar, Secretary
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe