

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

SPECIAL SESSION

**MINUTES
April 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

INVOCATION: Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau		X	Travel
Eva Foote		X	Medical
Torrey Davie	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X		
Silver Little Eagle		X	
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	9	3	

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I am going to be gone after the Council meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I don't know if everyone confirmed with Brian but there's 2 calls. There's a zoom call tomorrow.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Tomorrow morning.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: And then Wednesday.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Then he will be here in person the rest of the week.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Then broadband at 4 to 6 this evening. We'll change the Board of Health meeting from 10 today to 1:30 tomorrow if that will work. As long as we're all free.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Then XCEL will be here Thursday.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Yeah.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Then that JD Harbine meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Yup. I have those all written down. We got all the emails. They were all sent out to everybody on times, who we're going to meet with and that reservation tour of that group on Friday.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I hope the roads will be good.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I'd just like to say to all of you on the livestream watching. Be patient if you are in the areas hit hard with the snow. We were talking just a minute ago. Debbie brought up the fact that we had to go plow out many of our operators that operate the equipment for snow removal. They're coming. Be patient. We know you guys have appointments and stuff to get to today. We know that it hit certain spots. We are aware. Don't think that because we are sitting places where it didn't snow that we weren't worried about you. Just hang tight and they'll be there to plow you guys out.

ITEM #1– FY'24 ECONOMIC IMPACT & DESTINATION EVENT GRANT

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I'll present for Mariah. This has a due date of the 11th and this is specifically for events so it'll go towards the pow wow. It's offered every year. A resolution authorizing the submission of the FY24 economic impact and destination event grant through the Montana Department of Commerce. Funds will support the annual Northern Cheyenne Chiefs Powwow Celebration held July 4th – 7th, 2024. That's my motion.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY24 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND DESTINATION EVENT GRANT THROUGH THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. FUNDS WILL SUPPORT THE ANNUAL NORTHERN CHEYENNE CHIEFS POWWOW CELEBRATION HELD JULY 4TH-7TH, 2024.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Melissa Fisher.

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			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #2– SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT – RED SHALE CONSTRUCTION

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This is another project that we’ve been working on and this’ll come out of. What budget is it?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: 108.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: 108. We’re requesting to sole source, I talked to Steve, because he is a tribal member and just the meaning of the mountain to him. He did a draft. This is what it’ll be though. The \$75,000. His draft budget. This is a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving the sole sourcing of a construction contract between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Red Shale Construction for the Bear Butte House. That is my motion.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE SOLE SOURCING OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND RED SHALE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE BEAR BUTTE HOUSE.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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			

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COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I do want to mention also, for the record. The intent is not to make the properties over there into biker bar properties. We will be bringing something forward for the campground, as well. But it's to provide our people, first of all, a sacred place to go with water and toilets and everything else and to provide our people that go down there for ceremony places to cook and fill their waters tanks and a place to stay and for youth camps.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.: It would be good if you could get different cabin out there.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Maybe we could look at something for that campground area.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I think EPD is going down to do assessments on some of the older ones standing there and then they'll come back with their recommendations.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.: They're ready to fall down. Some of them.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We have a demo plan for the stuff that is unsafe.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.: Lafe's been asking if he could build some smaller cabins.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: We're working on it.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: Since the Rosebud Sioux Lodge burned down, Tribes really don't have a place out there that has electricity and shower house and stuff like that. I remember when I was a kid, that was probably in 5th grade, I went over there with Eugene and Project Morningstar. Went over to Bear Butte. Stayed in a tipi for a night and then came back home the next day. I mean, there's nothing out there like that for even the youth, the kids, for the elders. I know there's elder, when we were out there doing the clean-up, a couple of elders, ladies, came out that were going out to pray and tie clothes to the trees. They stopped and said, wow, we're glad that somebody out here and they're actually. I stayed out there for a couple of days. 2-3 days mowing the grass as much as I could. Trying to do what we could. We bought a piece of equipment for Kaden to do what we were doing so he could keep up on it. We want to try to make it a place for people to go and do their ceremony, do what they went to Bear Butte to do. You know, safe environment. Clean environment. And structures that aren't ready to fall to the ground. It's priority. It's been priority for council for about a year now. When we went up there to do that cleaning it was evident that it needed some attention. It's been in the center of our minds. I won't say it's been in the for front. It's been in the center of our minds for a while now. We need to do something for that mountain and take better care of it. We need to put the ownness to ourselves. If I'm gonna put myself like that, I'm gonna say I'm just as guilty as anybody else because I could have went out there at any time and took care of it. We need to do it now though so it need to be priority. I hear you Ernest. We got a plan. Trying to get everybody involved so that everybody can be a part of it.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you.

ITEM #3 – BUDGETS

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Before we do this resolution. This is the one that corrects what was brought up in the removal hearing about the \$500,000 that was missing. It was a typo. The 5 was a mistake that was omitted off of the typing of the resolution. This resolution was brought up during the removal hearing. This is to correct it. The President signed the original budget on January 31st. So, when the statement was made that she didn't know where this money was, that's untrue and it insinuated that there was wrongdoing of \$500,000 missing. So, to let our viewing audience know the budget and the amount was on the original budget and this is just to correct one number that was left off of the original resolution. So, I make a motion for resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets. This will replace the original resolution of DOI-049 (2024) and that one will be rescinded in its entirety and that one will be put on. 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 for fiscal year 2024. Fund 830A, 830G, 830I, 830J, 830L, 830M where the correction was made where the 5 was omitted, 830N, 830P. That is my motion.

Program Budgets FY 2024

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
830A	ARPA / Administration	\$ 695,786.40
830G	ARPA / PHR	\$ 1,353,720.87
830I	ARPA / Economic Impact	\$ 9,399,183.22
830J	ARPA / Premium Pact	\$ 4,371,619.41
830L	ARPA / Bldg. Infrastructure	\$ 5,844,528.78
830M	ARPA / Incident Command	\$ 543,570.61
830N	ARPA / Security Services	\$ 1,379,010.61
830P	ARPA / Investigative Services	\$ 390,219.73

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN
BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS 830A-830P. ALSO
RESCINDS THE ENTIRETY OF DOI-049 (2024).**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

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			

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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			

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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:32 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 1 abstention on this 3rd day of June 2024.

Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe