

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

August 8, 2023

**Rescheduled from August 7, 2023*

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

INVOCATION: Eva Foote

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear <i>*entered chambers @ 10:41 a.m.</i>		X	Bereavement
Debra Charette <i>*entered chambers @ 9:19 a.m.</i>	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Nizhoni Friesz <i>*Joined @ 9:39 a.m. by phone</i>		X	
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	9	3	

Quorum Established

ITEM #1 – BUDGETS – NO BUDGETS TO BE PRESENTED

ITEM #2 – INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Thank you for inviting me to the Tribal Council meeting for August. Also, want to thank you for requesting to meet with me at Billings Area Office last week during the negotiation discussions for the AFA and joint use agreement. I would like to provide some follow up items that were requested for updates on some of these items that were brought up last week.

- **Garage door / ambulance bay at EMS.** That garage door has been repaired. We are in the process of submitting procurement to replace the entire garage door

apparatus. That may be happening in fiscal year 2024 because we are coming to last quarter of our fiscal year. So, any new obligations would have to be submitted in October of this year.

- **Washer and dryer** – there are a few options that we discussed last week with my team. Constructing a new facility on campus would require another procurement. There is another option that I wasn't totally aware of. The current housekeeping area that we have in the facility has a washer and dryer hook up, the capability for a washer and dryer that would require a minor modification to the actual location. Some of the entry way, we would have to remove the door to put the apparatus washer and dryer in. That's probably a bit more cost effective than just to do that. To take the washer and dryer where it's currently at and put it where the housekeeping has these washer and dryer hook ups inside the facility. It may require some maintenance because we have to build in some gas lines and some type of exhaust for the commercial grade washer and dryer. That would probably more cost effective and probably happen a lot faster than building a whole new separate thing outside the actual service unit. That is what we are discussing right now. We'll get with our facilities folks and actually see if there is something they can do internally without having to go through the procurement process. That may be something we will be looking at. I'll have more updates once I have discussions with my facilities team of looking at the spot in the current housekeeping. I actually saw it yesterday. There is an actual washer and dryer area where they have washer and dryer hook ups. I don't know how much has to be modified with the commercial grade stuff because they might have to pour a cement slab or something to put in there for the weight of the commercial washer and dryer.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: So, you're saying right now that the washer and dryer are going to remain in that bay?

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Until we can come up with a or decide where we are going to put it. Yeah, it'll remain there until we actually, because we have to move it somewhere. We have to move the washer and dryer to some place and we'll have to move it from there to someplace inside the clinic. We'll have to remove the doors as well because it won't fit through the actual door that we have.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I think what we wanted is to have that a priority.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Yeah, it is a priority. It is one of our priorities. In terms of, like I said earlier, the options that we discussed last week was building like a facility on site to house, to accommodate the size and the requirements of the commercial grade washer and dryer. The alternate was to look inside internally to the service unit, which is to look at the housekeeping area which has washer and dryer hook ups as it is but we have to modify those requirements. There has to be a gas line put in for the commercial grade washer and also some type of exhaust ventilation for the washer and dryer as well.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Have you thought about maybe using one of the homes that you have?

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: One of the homes that we have for the

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: For the washer and dryer.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: The washer and dryer are not, like I said earlier, it's not like a traditional washer and dryer. It has to be high speed and accommodate temperatures of a high amount for the laundry. For the sterilization to minimize infectious disease pathogens in the facility. That's the requirement to have that on site. Unless we procure a contract with a laundry service to do that for us. Which the service we used before was over 10 years ago. They came from Miles City. They drove down and picked up our laundry and then took it back, washed it and brought it back to us but they are not offering that to us. They don't want to come to Lame Deer to provide that service to us.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I just want to make sure that it was a priority because there must have been a lot of thought to put it into the bay to get it functional. So, now we want that same consideration to put it somewhere.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: I totally hear you and understand what you are saying Norma. That is one of the things on our priority that is coming up.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: If the washer and dryer have to stay in that area for now until you get things situated, what is the plan to get the other door functional that they do have a straight access into the bay.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: I don't have a timeline for that because we did discuss the other door. That is something that we can add.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We want the bays operational for the ambulance to go straight through.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: That was the whole intent.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, if the washer and dryer have to stay in the south bay then fix the north bay door so the ambulance has a straight access through the bay.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Ok. So, I was a little confused by that. That's a priority I will focus on. That's probably a little faster. We can do that. Try to accommodate the south to the north bay for a complete pass through, right? So, they can come in and they pick up and come out the other side.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, that until you can get the laundry situation fixed. At least get the north bay doors working so the ambulance can go straight through instead of having to either back in or maneuver in.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Ok. I appreciate you clarifying that Melissa and thank you Norma, as well. The next thing on there was the IT issues.

- **IT issues** – A lot of this stuff lies with the Area Office. Some stuff that lies locally is our staffing issue. We have a short staff in IT. I talked to MaryAnn Ferris about the staffing issues that we have with our IT. Our IT staff handles any IT issues with NCUC and the Tribal Programs. Whatever program has an issue, we have to address it. First come first serve. Whatever comes in, we got to address those. We have one IT person working on all the IT stuff for the entire service unit. 165 employees in my facility.
- **Pharmacy privacy issues.** I talked to my chief pharmacist. A ticketing number has not been ruled out yet. Communicated to my pharmacy director to stop that process if it's not fully implemented because it's confusing a lot of people. Need to go back to where there is more prioritizing their needs. Protecting patient confidentiality should be the priority. The ticketing system would be great but haven't had a chance to roll it out yet. Need to establish a process that prioritizes our patient confidentiality.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Thank you for doing that. I'll check it out. I have INR on Wednesday.

- We have 3 new Pharmacy Technicians that just started. I have 2 full time pharmacists. The other pharmacists that are there are contractors. They come in and do pharmacy services and then they leave. When we try to change processes of how a department is run and operated, it's hard to do that with temporary staff because you have re-train everyone when they come in. Please be patient. I understand everyone's concerns and I'll continue to talk to my pharmacy staff about that.
- **Tribal Sponsorship Program** – I did talk to Johanna Spang about accessing information to provide lists. She did let me know that she did not have access to moonwalk RPMS programs. She is working with our business office, Julia, and our IT person. So, this is another IT things. I appreciate Johanna Spang. She is a Tribal employee. She's actually going to have training with VA benefits. Medicare and Medicaid are starting to offer expansion to folks. They need to update their demographic information so they can remain on Medicare and Medicaid.
- **PHN Program** – I did send Kayla Grinsell and Kim Dahle our transition plan with a letter that we discussed ensuring that the transition would be smooth as possible and to expect that we support the transition to the Tribal Board of Health Public Health Nursing Program. We hope that it is just as successful as it has been with NCSU. The only thing that I don't have is who the PHN Supervisor will be for Board of Health so we can individualize these letters to our patients. Did provide that letter draft to Kayla and Kim. Also, our transition plan which list all the PHN activities that we do right now that could help lay the ground work and I guess the road map for the new Board of Health PHN program to help transition.
- **Master Plan** – I tried to do search. They said there was a news about an article that came out but I could not find anything. I did talk to our engineer at the Area Office. The master plan is more of a facilities update. It's a concept plan. Technically not a master plan. It's more about trying to address the expanding needs for the health care services. Not just for the NCSU but across the entire Billings area. All the other Tribal service units across the area have done similar and are in the process of going forward with their respective concept plans. For example, Ft. Belknap; I thing Ft.

Peck; I think Browning are the other Tribes that are starting to implement their master plans and expanding their service units to accommodate the need for more clinical services. The engineer did offer to meet with the Tribe possibly late this month or early September to go through what the process was and how they worked with the other Tribes. Crow has an expansion at Pryor. Ft. Peck has an expansion at Wolf Point/Poplar. That is an update that was provided to me from the Office of Engineering. If you guys would like me to schedule a meeting with the Area Engineer, we could do that probably for the end of this month or early September, if that's something you want to do.

Those are my updates from I.H.S. since our last meeting which was last Tuesday. Exactly a week ago. If there's any questions I can answer right now, I'd be happy to take them. If not, you can follow up by sending me an email. I will be meeting with Kayla, I believe, tomorrow.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I have a suggestion or recommendation. If you can share whatever information with the Council because they weren't present either just like you weren't. So, if you're all learning about what happen back then it would be good for all new council in addition to you.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: For like the master plan?

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: When your engineer comes down.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Yeah. Like I said, I can schedule that meeting and have the Board of Health at that meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: There would be concerns from us because we see different aspects of what are needed down there.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: With what?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: We have different aspects of things that are needed. What we hear from the community.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Alright. Ok. I can schedule a meeting and invite Board of Health and any council members.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: That would be good.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: Any other questions?

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: Do you have an eye doctor yet?

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S.: We don't have an optometrist yet. We're still sending folks to Crow. But yeah, we're trying to get a contractor to come in. I know it's been an issue and I apologize for that. Thank you for your patience. The doctor that was here before was

hired. I don't want to throw my previous predecessor under the bus. There're so many things that came up with that eye doctor that I couldn't ignore so I really had to get rid of that doctor. I had so many complaints and issues from you guys, our Cheyenne community and our patients. Also, some of my folks internally that were tribal members. I did everything I can just to get rid of that individual which I think was more beneficial to our patients than to our service unit to not have type of employee on sight. Suffice to say, it's been a challenge to try to get recruitment for an optometrist out here but we do have that as a priority. We are recruiting for that position. We are also looking at contracting. Even contracting is hard to come by because contracting would be easier but it's still hard to find ancillary service. Even audiology was another issue we had. We have an audiologist that comes once or twice a month. It's just so hard for people to come. A lot of people kind of hesitate to come an extra 42 miles from Crow to come out to Lame Deer. It's a lot easier for Crow to recruit than it is for us because they're off of I-90. It's a lot more accessible for people if they live in Hardin or Billings but come an extra 40 something miles from Crow is a challenge. We try to maximize our recruitment efforts. Even monetarily, we offer a lot more than probably most service units in the service unit, I mean, more than the service units then the other folks in the area in terms of what we offer. We've been successful in some cases. We are getting a new physical therapist to start next month. We've been referring patients to Crow but we have a physical therapist that will start early September so that's good news. We don't have a physical therapist right but you guys are probably aware of that. Any other questions?

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: What about the telephone at the front desk?

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, CEO/I.H.S: We've hired 3 new telephone operators in the past month. We are trying to tighten up how our phones are being answered and relayed. There's a weird wiring system in the service unit when they first built it. I don't know, there's like a listing of each of these. So, our IT, if they're not supporting IT issues, our IT person is the one who addressing all the telephone issues like the phone tree and the call in. We're trying to get folks to use the online menu and at the very end is when you can ask to talk to an actual operator. The priority is to try to get them to exactly, to get your phone to the department you want to get to, whether it be pharmacy, dental, outpatient. Each of the providers will have, suppose to have voicemail too. They are supposed to answer each voicemail that they receive. We are trying to make sure that we have each of our nurses and providers answer their voicemails at least twice a day or at least once a day to call people back. Yeah, I appreciate that. Our Area Director, Bryce, knows our telephone system is kind of a rye right now. We've been working on that for the past couple of months. It's been a challenge because a lot of the authority lies at the Area Office. We have to get a lot of them to approve to come down to help us with our phone systems. I think I even had Range telephone come down here and they didn't know how to handle it either. Thank you for your patience with that. We are slowly chipping away at these issues that are arising at the service unit. Thank you all. Good to see you all.

ITEM #3 – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPDATE

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Good morning. Good to see you folks. I know it's been a couple of months since I was last over here to report. I hope you been doing well and enjoying your summer. Just want to report that we continue to busy at the Agency. I went to a

Superintendents training a couple of weeks ago in Albuquerque for a week which was really good for me. There was a lot of Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents and some Deputy Regional Directors that were there. Also, some leadership there. I got to meet some other Superintendents or Deputy's that have been working with the Bureau for a long time. One of the big take a ways for me that I think was good for me also was just a reminder to leadership that we're here to support the Tribe and Tribal customers. Even if there's decisions that are at my level as the Superintendent, as a line officer, that if it's within my discretion that I really need to make sure that, well just in quoting, side with the Tribe. That's what we will be supporting at the Agency.

Our IT at the Agency is really sad, basically. Last week our Regional IT manager had me run a speed test. I said, currently right now with the amount of users you have on your server, your service is slower then dial up was 30 years ago. That's just really unacceptable. There's a contractor with Interior that got an IT contract, a huge contract, to upgrade IT services for the Department of Interior. A company called Lumen. That just hasn't been very productive. I don't know at what point there's going to be a decision made to do something about the contract because of the, seems like they can't meet the scope or they just don't have the capacity to do it. It's really impeded our production at the Agency with managers and staff trying to get work done. I was able to get a call with Range Telephone and our Regional IT. I think it was good because we finally got them on the same call together with the other folks that can speak IT language. We are going to get an upgrade to the Agency through DSL. Hopefully it's going to be soon. 50 megabits of DSL, not only for the main building but for Forestry and Fire. I thing its going to help with OJS also. That'll get done very soon. The end of September, hopefully, we will get fiber upgrade to the main Agency building. Apparently, there was going to be an upgrade done a few years ago but it just fell apart for some reason. Hopefully, we can get Range to come in and do that at the end of September but they won't be able to do Forestry and Fire and the other programs until next spring. I just wanted to pass that news along. It's been very frustrating for my staff. We are constantly putting in service center tickets and hounding IT about our service on a daily basis so I am really glad that we are going to get some faster internet speed there. Getting over to our programs. **Forestry** – Besides their day to day business, we did have one (1) appeal that's in the process for the Richard's Spring Salvage. They continue to work on their stand exam and Mapping project plus their Mooreland wood scale.

Administration – We've made some progress for our vacant positions. I wanted to pass that along to the Council that it's a slow process. One thing that I've realized in the last year is that from the Agencies prospective we gotta press as much as we can and get it out the door from the Agency and get it over to the Region so it can continue to get moved along in the process.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Do you have a Deputy yet?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: No. I just recently met with my boss about that yesterday and we are reworking the budget to make sure that we can afford that position. I'll be submitting that to workforce planning very soon to my supervisor but I do want a deputy. One of the discussions that I had, I don't know if I relayed this information to the Council in the past but, I'm learning that we don't have all the funding that we should have at the Agency and

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: What is the priority of your positions that you are trying to fill?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Right now, as far as asking about the Deputy, what I would like to do instead of hiring a Realty Officer right now is get a Deputy. I don't know if I mentioned that to Council before in the past. I want to hold off on a Realty Officer, get another term Realty Specialist in Realty because I need more Specialists in there. I only have 2 Specialists. We re-advertised the Realty Assistant position, like I mentioned in my last report. We are discussing even changing that to make that half assistant and half specialist position because I just need more Specialists to do work. Besides day to day work we have these other projects that are coming with Broadband and expiring right of ways. My perspective, and its going to depend on who applies, hopefully I can get someone with trust experience that can oversee trust programs, especially Range and Realty. That's a priority for me at the Agency. I mean all the programs are but getting a Deputy in that can oversee, especially Range and Realty, can hold off on a Realty Officer now because I need more workers there than I do supervisors right now. I've got a few programs that are fully staffed, they got good managers. Range is probably my highest priority right now. All of those positions are at recruitment. Hopefully they will be out for advertisement soon. That's the Range Land Management Specialist and Range Techs. I do not have anyone in there so that's a priority. Besides myself, I've had other staff pulling collateral duty and having to do Range work. It's good for me because I am learning a lot when I have to jump in with Richard and go out and do compliance. We've got 3 Social Services Reps right now. Those are at recruitment. The staff assistant is at classification. I did have a class assistant when I first started but she resigned so that's back at classification. Custodial worker position is at classification. We're working on transitioning the Realty Assistant position to more of a Realty Specialist position. That's where we're currently at. I feel we made some progress in getting positions moving farther along in the process. Like I last reported, I do have 2 social workers that I am just waiting on incentives and they will be onboarding, so that's great. They're DEU, they're not IP which they're non-Indian but they are really excited about coming to work here. You know there is always a high demand for social workers. Moving over to our budget. We are starting our year end activities but FPMS is going to be closing on September 24th. The last day to draw funds in ASAP is September 25th at 4 p.m. until October 2nd at 8 a.m. I just wanted to commend the Council and the Tribe. I know the last time I reported I stressed, or just a reminder about the amount of funds that were sitting in the ASAP available to draw down and I appreciate that. What we looked at this morning, there is currently \$122K sitting in ASAP for FY'22 and \$235K sitting for FY'23. I know we just recently moved some money over to the Tribe so that's part of that. From the last time I reported, the Tribe drew a lot of funds and that's great. Just want to commend the Tribe for that. Just a reminder, any supplemental requests that come from the Tribe, I know we are getting to that time of year again. Just a friendly reminder if you could route those through the President's office, if there's any requests like that. Facilities – We are still in the process of the getting the new roof replaced at the Youth Service Center. That's being handled by Central Office Acquisition. Hopefully, if we don't have anymore hiccups, we are going to have water delivery by the end of August for Youth Service Center because we got the new well drilled there but we had to replace some lines in the pump house and the water filtration system. Hopefully, that'll all be done with generator upgrade, possible this week.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: That roof, is it for the whole roof or just a portion of it?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: It's the whole roof. I know that's been an issue before in the past where there has just been patch work that's been done. The whole roof is going to get replaced.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Just for your information on that well. It did get replaced but what that meant was that we had to forgo some of our projects to squeeze that in before we went on to the other wells that had to be replaced.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: At the Adult Detention Center, we are doing a boiler replacement and HVAC of evidence locker are being worked on. Maintenance staff – they continue on a daily basis to address

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: That's for the adult?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Adult. Yes ma'am. Besides it being in the hopper for permanent position, we are currently in the process of doing an emergency hire for a custodian at the Agency, as far as facilities goes. Moving over to Fire. I just want to say that I feel pretty fortunate that we haven't had any big fires this year. A lot of that is due to the moisture that we've gotten this year and rain. Even recently, it's cooling off. I know there have been some big fires here in the past. I realized that when I came here. They've had some small lightening fires, even as of last weekend. All contained with no issues. We do have so staff to that been assisting Ft. Peck as far as duty officers. They've been rotating out. We've also had THPO and the Regional Archeologist come down. They've been surveying new fields projects with fire staff. Our prevention officer has been helping out at the Ft. Peck Agency also. We haven't had any engine or camp crew orders yet for the fire season. Crews have been surveying a lot of the back roads. Besides regular business, I don't have a lot to report as far as Self Determination. I know Alicia's been conducting FY'23 Annual monitoring and the reports will come back to the Tribe.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Have you gotten an update from Fire on the fire trails that they were talking about getting bladed? They've been out there but I'm not sure about their progress.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yes ma'am. Justin Small came to my office. I did talk to William last week. He sent me an email to meet last week and then when I kind of lost track of it. I called him right when it was time to meet. He said we'll just push back to next week. He wanted yourself or the Vice-President and Council, if they are here to sit in on the meeting. As you know, I sent the letter over to yourself and the Council, with some concerns about the roads. Most of those concerns came out of our Fire and Forestry programs. Just internally talking to my own managers at Fire and Forestry and even at Self Determination, I talked to William about it last week, he wanted to push back to this week. I mentioned today but that was before I realized today's meeting would be bumped back to today. Justin Small did come over. He brought a letter over in response to the letter I sent about the concerns that they wanted us to be aware of with their program and to meet with them about it. I talked to Self Determination about it. I realize that Roads Maintenance is not high on the priority list and they don't get a lot of funding. There's some funding issues and some staffing issues. I thing if we just meet about it and address those at the Agency or even with Regional Transportation to see

how we can support that. I know a lot of times when there is flooding, it has to be really substantial, as far as damages in order to get any kind of emergency funding.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Bear season is here. The roads out there are really bad.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: They've been working on them. As far as Self Determination. I just got a copy of the Tribe's report. I just want to take a look at it myself. Just want to commend the Tribe and the staff for all the hard work in doing your jobs. It's great.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Thank you. Thank you for that.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yeah. When I was on the other side, I wanted to learn about financial management. One of the things I looked at in the last year, where the Tribe had some issues with their funds, that was explained to me, is the cash management. One of the things I've seen here is the cash management, with the structure, you guys look great. That's one thing I really see good about the Tribe is the cash management. Social Services – They continue to be very busy. They have a heavy case load. I want to continue to encourage anybody in the room here or out listening in the community to apply for the Social Services positions. I know on USA Jobs right now there are currently Social Services positions advertised. We have 2 right now that are being close to being on boarded. The rest will hopefully be out for recruitment soon. The Regional Office is taking a run at a GS-11 for that position, which I think is really good. One of the things I've learned, I know on the Tribal side when you contract a program, there's a lot more discretion but with the Bureau you have to follow rules. Social Services Representatives, they can only go so far and one of the things I've realized is they are working for a very long time, they could work for 20 years but can only get to a certain level and I think that is something that needs to change. It certainly isn't anything that would be taken away from the MSW, you still have social workers that are there that would be under them or are the supervisor but I just think that a Social Services Reps should be at a higher-grade level. Social Services continue to rotate on call and assist the BIA officers only if there are children involved that need care and supervision. On call, they cover from Friday to Thursday. They continue to support reunification. They currently have 89 child welfare cases; 2 supervised IIM cases that are active; no GA cases due to lack of funding. We had to request for more funding and most of that funding go towards our foster parents. Last week we were finally able to get that funding into the system so we were able to process the foster payments for our foster parents. I just wanted to mention to the Council that as far as the Agency goes, I really appreciate our foster parents that are out there taking care of the children here. They had to wait a few months to receive their payment. Range - Posted our 3rd round for grazing on Friday. I talked to the Grazing Board about that yesterday. That posting is out publicly. Yesterday we also sent out, in the mail to our existing permittees, letters like we have for our first and second round that the third round is currently being advertised. That will close this Friday and then we'll open up the bids next Tuesday. We've been doing compliance. Trying to keep up with all the compliance with range and trespass issues. Like I said, we've been behind with that as far as times lines with the grazing ordinance but, I think, once we get through the third round here and meeting with the Grazing Board. I know when we first met, they talked about updating the Ordinance again and I'll have to talk to them again and see if that's something they still want to work on. We want to

keep going so we can get back on track with the time line, especially the first 2 weeks in December. Start working on notices going out to the land owners.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I have a recommendation. Compliance Officer under the Land Board. Our staff get called out late at night so having staff that can assist on the rotation schedule to handle those calls. It's just a recommendation.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Ok. We can talk about that further. If you'd like to send a letter over, that is something that we could consider.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I will get something written up and get it to you.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Great. I certainly appreciate the help. I know there was a pretty serious trespass here recently that was dealt with. I know there were some councilmembers that sat in on that meeting that I came over for. We trespassed a couple of times and we are working on the third one. It was certainly a learning experience for me. I know the Tribe and the Grazing Board made a decision to step in on the Tribe's livestock ordinance and we support that, it's great. That's what sovereignty and self-determination is supposed to be about. I just want to say that I admire the Tribe for stepping in. As long as it obviously does not conflict with the CFR regulations there.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Resources are gone. Land owners and operators being affected.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: The ones that were at Tipi Ranch, we seen them move up to Black Creek. Whoever the compliance officer is, they should go up there and check.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: When it was first reported to us, it was actually reported by a permittee in a range unit. We went out and did compliance; did a trespass letter right away and we started moving along the process but it was same individual as the prior 2. There were 3M and lower tipi, that's when the Tribe stepped in. Another thing that has been frustrating is the mail. I don't know for sure but we can send these trespass letters out and they can sit. They go through certified mail and they can sit in the mail box for 10 days. I get on that post office website and check that tracking number. Sometimes the post office will make a determination that the box is closed or they just didn't pick it up and it just sat in there. With this situation, we went out multiple times to try to find this individual off the reservation to serve them personally and could not track them down. Those are the kind of things, I guess I learned with this, that if there's a way, I know there's due process but if there's a way that we can speed up the process, especially if you have someone that is just moving around you know from one place to the next. If there's a way that we can just, if it's within the reservation, forget about the fact that its moving from one range unit or from one tract to another, its within the reservation, if you did the trespass once and we trespassed you, we are going to move straight to impound. We are just going to impound and keep sending letters out because what is the point if they just keep avoiding you. Realty – Day to day business going on there as far as leases and land sales, mostly homesites with mortgages. We've been on calls on a weekly basis for the expiring right of ways that expired this month. There's about 200 right of ways that expired here. Alicia did send a

letter over, that I signed, to the Council and administration. It was to see if the Tribe wanted an evaluation done on those expiring right of ways. Brian Chestnut reached out to me about a month ago about that. One of the things that we've been working with the Regional office on is the process of sending out the notices and getting the responses back. Most of those are for the phone and electric company. A big majority of those are service line agreements and what I've found out is that we don't have to approve service line agreements but they have to be recorded.

ITEM #4 – ENROLLMENT – WALLACE BEARCHUM

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear <i>*appeared telephonically</i>	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			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF FORTY-TWO (42) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR SEVEN (7) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.

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			

11 vote(s) 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 TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.

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			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING BLOOD QUANTUM CHANGES FOR FIVE (5) TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

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			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #5 – MINUTES

MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 19, 2023.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. 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			
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10 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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MOTION TO PASS MINUTES FROM SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 20, 2023 WITH CORRECTIONS.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. 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	1 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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ITEM #6 – SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP – SCOTT CITY, KANSAS

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Conrad wanted to be in here.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: While we are waiting for Conrad, I would like to move item #11 and #14 down and I would like to request for an executive session on those 2 items.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I did invite NCUC board to this meeting. I would like them to join us.

CONRAD FISHER: Gives a presentation in the Cheyenne language.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. It's always, in the Tribal Council, it's always good to have these meetings. I would like to introduce Jerry Thomas. Jerry Thomas owns a world class museum down in Punished Woman's Fork, as I mentioned in Cheyenne. It's now a historic site, beautiful area. Very descriptive area, sacred site and Jerry Thomas has been really a good steward of that area as well as the town of Scott City. Back in 2012, around there sometime, Jerry had contacted the College and the Tribe about having a relationship and taking some Cheyenne there so that they can actually see a part of the history of the Cheyenne people coming back from Oklahoma on their trek north. As you know, this was a very important event and if you see on our paper, it says fought against all odds, the Northern Cheyenne made it back to their homeland here where we will keep forever. Scott City has been very welcoming to us Cheyenne's when we went down there in 2012. In fact, I never heard of a city or town, that their

hometown residents, it's about the size of Hardin, that has been really welcoming, non-Indians welcoming the Cheyenne people. That is unprecedented. Part of it is there is a rich history of Cheyenne occupation there. We are very fortunate to be able to go down there and participate in a 2- or 3-day event. We had a lot of elders that went down there. Some of you may have gone down there as well. Unfortunately, we have lost a lot of the elders that actually were there. They are not with us today. Jerry is going to have the 145th Commemoration here shortly. He'll explain what he wants to do. He's been very welcoming. He paid for the whole cost of going down there. There were 2 bus loads of Cheyenne go down there. They paid for the hotel. There was a lot of good things that were going on. I just wanted to introduce Jerry. He's going to give you a little bit of details about what he wants to do. So, ladies and gentlemen or Tribal Council, Jerry Thomas.

JERRY D. THOMAS: Thank you my good friend. Conrad and I go a long way back. I remember driving up to Lame Deer 11-12 years ago. I think it was a Cheyenne holiday. I took him aside and welcomed him to form the Punished Women Fork Symposium. About a year, year and half later, we invited 160 of our dear friends for Northern Cheyenne down and created a real, real celebration. I want to thank you, give a big thank you to President Serena Wetherelt and Edina for getting me on the agenda this morning. I want to thank Conrad and Stephanie Fisher, not related, but we might as well be. They are a team that worked on putting together the sister city idea. I want to thank you all for the wonderful work you do for the Northern Cheyenne. I keep apprised by the media and through other sources. I'm very proud to be here. I join you all today. Just a few weeks ago, I was the international ----- of the year for the Custer Battlefield. Some of you might have heard or seen the art work down at Smith Ford at Hardin. We had quit a celebration at the Battlefield. I'm also the only person to unveil the painting at Custer Battlefield in many years with Micah Highwalking's image that we display with Rock Redcherries and Carol, her grandparents. Conrad was the MC. I'm always proud to say that I am an honorary member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. In 2017 Vernon Sooktis gave me the name "*pronounced in Cheyenne*" Little Magpie and that's because of work I did for Vernon over the year. Thank you, Conrad, to over the years for Punished Women's Fork. 10 years ago, next month, on the 23rd and 24th, we welcome our friends, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe to Punished Women's Fork celebration. It was wonderful and grand event and I can tell you this, to this day, many have never forgotten it. And those that didn't attend, wished they could have been on those buses that we brought down. We shared our history and heritage together to celebrate as one. That union has become very strong over the years. My dear friend, Jenny Parker, who you all know, stated that her parents had said, it is a place where we -----, that says it all. They were able to get away, 300 Northern Cheyenne, from the Military, cross the Smokey River and eventually make it these beloved homelands which we all celebrate today. This year we will celebrate the 145th Anniversary of the Punished Woman's Fork and I have thought about this idea for a long time. I would like to suggest that Northern Cheyenne Tribal Nation join in a Sister City's with the city of Scott City, Kansas. There's no other city, as Conrad was saying, that could be more beneficial to you or you to us. In fact, in Kansas history magazine, if you can believe this, in 2013, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe shares with Scott City a Sister Cities steps 10 years ago because of the unity that is already developed and continues through the years. You're probably wondering how we can do this. Only 2 years ago, almost to this day, Longmont, Colorado formed a Sister City partnership with the Northern Arapaho Tribe. We have a special and unique opportunity to join together to become the 2nd Sister City and sovereign nation to

form a unity in the entire United States. This will make national media for not only the Northern Cheyenne and Scott City for the entire world who absolutely loves this idea of unity and everything that we can share. We have 2 letters of support from Mayor Green to Serena and from Stephanie Fisher, Director of the Jerry Thomas Gallery and El Cuartelejo Museum. You are probably how we do this and what would we do. Punished Woman's Fork in El Cuartelejo Interpretive Center, I was hired as or given the appointment as the Director by our Governor to form a brand new El Cuartelejo center. El Cuartelejo is the furthest pueblo in the United States far North. Just a few miles south, down the road, lies the sacred historic site Punished Woman's Fork. Those 2 images are quite special to the American history; Kansas history; Montana history; to the Northern Cheyenne and in all. With that I will be putting in a brand-new museum that's the roots of all our programs. We plan to put in not only El Cuartelejo, identification with the Apache, but we will put in the Northern Cheyenne track. The exodus in there as the interpretive center. It is going to be quite the celebration when we get this done. We hope to have it done within the next 2-3 years. We are going to exchange with the Sister Cities, if you so approve, which we surely hope you do today. We will exchange both students' high schools and Chief Dull Knife College. We can exchange high school students for a year. We can have camps both at High Schools and sports. The reservation here, the Northern Tribal Nation celebrates sports like no other. We all love our sports. Scott City is state champs many, many years. I know I keep track of everything that happens up here in sports. We can have sports camps. We bring in sport athletes. We can pay for that. Chief Dull Knife College can offer credits to high school students. We can take classes from Scott City through media up here with Eva Flying, the new President. Cultural presentation and visits will continue. And that's just the start of it. Just on line the other night I noticed Chief Dull Knife College is offering an Agricultural opportunity to further students and they can go on to provide themselves professional opportunities. Scott City is world class when it comes to agriculture. We have cattle. We have all sorts of agriculture. We are top notch and we'd love to push that onto the Northern Cheyenne Nation. Scott City is also very prosperous. We have a good hospital; new airport; 3 brand new schools; brand new stadium; brand new Olympic size basketball court, which everybody will love; new library; gallery and museum, where I have my exhibition; and new state park, where Punished Woman's Fork is. We look forward to having you all down there as Sister City partners. With that, I am delighted and happy to request to you all to approve the resolution approving the formation of a sister city partnership with the city of Scott City, Kansas formalizing and celebrating a strong bond and relationship that we share and unique cultural opportunities for years to come. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I'll second.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORMATION OF A SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SCOTT CITY, KANSAS FORMALIZING AND CELEBRATING A STRONG BOND AND RELATIONSHIP THAT THEY SHARE AND UNIQUE CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEARS TO COME

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Melissa Lonebear <i>*entered chambers @ 10:41 a.m.</i>	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			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #7 – FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ROBERTA HARRIS: Good morning. That’s a hard act to follow.

A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving and adopting the Northern Cheyenne Head Start, Family, and Community Engagement Program Services Policy and Procedures for the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start program must have an Accessing Community Resources and Services, Child Support Enforcement Services, Advocating for Families, Community Resource Book/Directory, Confidentiality of Family Records, Crisis Intervention/Emergency Intervention, Family Assessment, Family and Community Partnership Goals and Objectives, Family Services Home Visits, Family Partnership Agreement, Family Services Monthly Report, and Referral Tracking Policies and Procedures.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start will integrate parent and family engagement strategies into all systems and program services to support family well-being and promote children’s learning and development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Family and Community Engagement Policies and Procedures.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START PROGRAM.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #8 – NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START UNDER-ENROLLMENT PLAN

ROBERTA HARRIS: I wanted to thank all the council members that came when we had a brainstorming session. It was very good. A very good session. A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving and adopting the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Under-Enrollment Plan.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start is funded for 125 slots to reduce 25 slots. Northern Cheyenne Head Start proposes reducing enrollment to 100 with a locally designed option of adding 5 Pregnant Women slots and 5 Family Child Care slots, and 90 center-based slots.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the Northern Cheyenne Head Start, Program Governance Procedure

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: What is the count for each district?

ROBERTA HARRIS: So, currently or previously? So, we are propping 90 center-based slots, 5 family child care slots and 5 pregnant woman slots. All together that 100.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I think what she's asking is the number of kids from each district.

ROBERTA HARRIS: I am not catching that.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Are you going to close Busby?

ROBERTA HARRIS: No, we are going to keep Busby.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok. That's what she's asking.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: The only one, I understand, that is closed is Ashland and that's based on them having pre-school

TEMPE ONEBEAR: I'm pretty sure at Busby we reduced it to 10 and then 10 in Happy Times which would be 5 on 5; 20 in Little Morningstar; 20 in Rainbow; Little Cheyenne would be 17 because that's the 3-year-old class; and ABC with 20. No, Can-Do with 20 and ABC with 13.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Ok, just for clarification. The Busby center is going to stay open and they will have a bus.

TEMPE ONEBEAR: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: When we had that meeting, Roberta was going to work on possibly recruiting kids from Crow. Right?

ROBERTA HARRIS: Yes. Colstrip as well.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: And Colstrip and Crow.

ROBERTA HARRIS: Right now, we have 59 enrolled. For us to be 97%, we still need to enroll 28 more kids.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Tomorrow is the back to school bash. And a reminder about the clothing drive. Used clothing. They want the clothes by Friday. I'll second Melissa's motion.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START UNDER-ENROLLMENT PLAN

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. 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			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #9 – COBB CONTRACT

JANIS SPEAR: Good morning. I am here to present the resolution to approve the Cobb contract, construction contract to finish the Transit/Transportation building.

WHEREAS, Northern Cheyenne Department of Transportation (“NCDOT”) is in the process of constructing a new building for its operations (“Project”);

WHEREAS, the previous contractor to NCDOT, Edman Builders, failed to complete the Project;

WHEREAS, NCDOT has identified a replacement contractor, Cobb Construction, and has negotiated a contract with Cobb Construction which contains a limited waiver of sovereign immunity (“Cobb Contract”);

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to enter into the Cobb Construction Contract; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Tribal Council hereby deviates from the regular procurement policies to authorize contracting with Cobb Construction because

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Are we deviating because we already put it out for bid.

JANIS SPEAR: Yeah, that’s true. We already put it out for bid and that’s when Edman Builders put in a bid. So, I guess we are not necessarily deviating

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Yeah, it’s not deviating.

JANIS SPEAR: We are just replacing the contractor.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We are still deviating because we are not bidding it out.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: We already bid it out.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, the therefore be it resolved should say that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes contracting with Cobb Construction

JANIS SPEAR: Hereby authorizes contracting with Cobb Construction because it determines that it is in the best interest of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe to do so and time is of the essence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council approves the Cobb Construction Contract including the limited waiver of sovereign immunity contained therein; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council authorizes and instructs the Tribal President to sign the contract with Cobb Construction on behalf of the Tribe and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution and the Contract.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING COBB CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Not Carried
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ITEM #10 – AGREEMENT W/ DR. ERIK ALDA-EXPERT IN PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Good morning colleagues. You have before you a draft resolution requesting approval of agreement/contract with Dr. Erik Alda to assist the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s effort to provide input to the federal assessment of the Lame Deer Adult Detention Center. The Tribe’s Lame Deer Adult Detention Facility has failed to meet the public safety needs of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation for many years. The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Facilities Management and Construction (BIA-DFMC) is preparing a site assessment of the Lame Deer Adult Detention Center which will determine whether the Detention Center should be replaced or repaired. The Tribe has the opportunity to provide information to BIA-FMC and could benefit from expert assistance. Dr. Erik Alda is an expert in public safety and has agreed to the terms of the attached contract. The consultant is an Assitant Professor in criminal justice department at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. My motion is that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby deviates from the regular procurement policies to authorize contracting with Dr. Erik Alda for expert public safety services because it determines that it is in the best interest of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe to do so and time is of the essence. The Tribal Council hereby accepts the Dr. Erik Alda agreement/contract attached to this Resolution. That is my motion.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT/CONTRACT WITH DR. ERIK ALDA TO ASSIST THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE’S EFFORT TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE FEDERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE LAME DEER ADULT DETENTION CENTER, ALSO TO DEVIATE FROM THE REGULAR PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Eva Foote.

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			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Not Carried
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ITEM #11 – RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES

COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE: I’d like to make a motion to approve the adoption of preferred renewable energy zones.

WHEREAS, to facilitate renewable energy development, the Tribal Council, staff and contractors engaged in a process to identify areas of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation suitable and preferred for renewable energy development, albeit not necessarily the exclusive areas for such development;

WHEREAS, based on Tribal direction, maps identifying three areas (Areas 1, 2 and 3) within the Northern Cheyenne Reservation as preferred areas for renewable energy development were created and are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy development on Tribal land is subject to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Lands Leasing Act, which Act was approved by the United States in 2022 under the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership Act of 2012; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Tribal Council adopts the three areas identified on the attached maps (Areas 1, 2 and 3) as preferred areas on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation for renewable energy development subject to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Lands Leasing Act and other applicable law.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCILS ADOPTION OF PREFERRED RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. 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			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #13 – ST. LABRE’S INVESTIGATION FOR UNMARKED GRAVES

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.: This is really for authorizing from the Council the Tribe to issue a press release on us guys being involved in the St. Labre graves. I just want an ok from you guys to put out a press release for the Tribe to be involved with what St. Labre is doing. That’s what this is about. I didn’t hear it from them. I heard about it through media, through KTVQ about what they are doing. It’s about our people.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I am in agreement with it as long we can review the press release prior to it being sent out. We should have voice in this.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.: Thank you. I will have Eugene draft it up and give it to you guys.

11:35 P.M. – WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:08 P.M. – OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM #12 – WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT - FREEDOM FOREVER CONTRACT

COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE: I would like to make a motion conditionally approving revised White River Community Solar Project and approving Freedom Forever Contract for 15 solar installations at tribal homes. That’s my motion.

RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING REVISED WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT AND APPROVING FREEDOM FOREVER CONTRACT FOR 15 SOLAR INSTALLATIONS AT TRIBAL HOMES

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. 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	0 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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 1:11 P.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstention on this 5th day of September 2023.

Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe