

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

REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES
September 5, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

INVOCATION: Nizhoni Friesz

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote		X	<i>TRAVEL</i>
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:	10	2	

Quorum Established

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Any announcements this morning.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I just want to remind everyone that Indigenous Pact is here today. There is a scholarship meeting after we finish this meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: The AFA has been changed.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: If you made reservations for the AFA, they will need to be changed to the 19th and 20th.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Travel day will be the 18th.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Just get your stuff into Melody.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I think everyone should have gotten an invite for the meeting with Brian on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. It's regarding our complaint.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Any other announcements?

ITEM #1 – COMPTROLLER SERVICES FOR FY'24

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Kristi is out today. Her daughter has an appointment. We got to meet and kind of go over the contracts or not kind of. We went over it and put out an RFP for the comptroller. After looking at them, we will go back with REDW, who is our current comptroller and so I have a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving a contract for professional accounting and comptroller services for fiscal year 2024.

WHEREAS; a contract with the Tribe and REDW, is attached hereto, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves the proposed contract submitted by REDW and directs the President to execute the contract for Professional Finance, Accounting and Comptroller services through the end of Fiscal Year 2024. They've been doing a good job in keeping us in compliance and answering our questions so that we can keep up with our audits and stay in compliance with the Federal Government.

That's my motion.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING AND COMPTROLLER SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 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				
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X			
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle				
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I make a motion to add on a resolution approving the Northern Cheyenne Communication Corporate Charter and appointing the first board and the Tribal Council Ex Officio member to the Corporation Board.

Motion made by Nizhoni Friesz. 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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #2 – INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE UPDATE.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, I.H.S. CEO: Péhévevóonā'o. Good morning. I hope you all had a good weekend. I know we had our Labor Day Pow wow celebration this past weekend. Just want to share some updates. The biggest one still occurring, of course, is the syphilis. Public health emergency that is in our community. Overall caseload since 2021 has been about 125 cases of syphilis within our community. All the cases have been treated at least once. A vast majority have been treated all three treatments. The biggest thing we are seeing right now is re-exposure with folks for the old cases. We've had 5 cases of congenital syphilis cases and we had one where a newborn child was lost to syphilis. We are recommending that pregnant women are checked up to 3 times during pregnancy and at delivery to prevent those cases from occurring. That's the biggest thing is that syphilis is still out there. I think it's more of a concern at the Crow Nation and some of the other tribes in the North and South Dakota. I think pow wow season is pretty much over with so we are hoping we start seeing a decline in those. The re-infections are the most concerning because they tend to be more severe.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Damion, we talked about this a little. One of the things I would recommend is, if all of the parties involved can sit down and figure out a plan, I think even to include our prosecution and law enforcement because it is in our Law and Order Code that the spread of communicable disease. It is in there so we need to enforce it.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, I.H.S. CEO: Ok.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: There are lives being lost here. I don't think people realize the seriousness of it.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, I.H.S. CEO: I appreciate you saying that. We did meet with Kim Dahle a few weeks ago and she did bring up the need to have law enforcement involved. I don't know if there's a resolution that you guys passed reservation wide that states if you are

positive you have to be treated to make sure that we can eradicate this syphilis on our reservation. That would be a really big help from the council to be able to do a resolution or ordinance or something so we can enforce those types of

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Well it does exist. I think it needs to be enforced.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: It's in the Law and Order Code.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, I.H.S. CEO: Yeah. Like you said, we need to get BIA Law Enforcement and Board of Health and we can all meet and actually come up with a plan.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Along with Serena and William. They probably need to be given a directive.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, I.H.S. CEO: Ok. That's the one that's been around. The other one, of course, is Covid. There's a new strain that's been going around. In our community, we've had 5 cases over the weekend of Covid, the new strain. It presents cold like symptoms. So most of the symptoms, I heard, runny nose, sneezing, coughing. I think the most common thing I've heard is more GI. Kind of like diarrhea, that type of stuff. The recommendations from CDC haven't changed all that much. Recommend isolation for 5 days at the onset of symptoms. So, if you start feeling symptoms, they say isolation for 5 days. There is no quarantine. There's no contact tracing. None of that has been recommended. Patient is responsible to advise their contacts from up to 2 days before the symptoms onset that they have been exposed to something. Home tests are available at the clinic. They can go thru our walk in and check in for a medical evaluation. Pharmacy can make over the counter pre-packs to be delivered or picked up by the family members. That's like your Tylenol, cold/cough medicine type of stuff. So, that's how we've been addressing the Covid. The 5 cases so far, the symptoms have been pretty mild compared to the previous strain. We are hitting flu season here. Within the next week or so, we should be getting our vaccines in for the flu and for Covid. I know school is kind of in full swing right now. That's the update on the Public Health side of things. In terms of Personnel, we have a new Physical Therapist that is starting today. That's good news. We don't have to refer people back over to Crow. His name is Lt. Commander Louis Melont. He was here about 8 or 9 years ago. He left in about 2015 so he left about 8 years ago. He's back. He just moved his family back from Oklahoma. We are excited that we have a full time Physical Therapist. He's been here before so hopefully he can re-establish that repour with our community and our patients. That's good news for our patients and our community so they don't have to wait for Crow for Physical Therapy services. Especially since sports season is starting to pick up too. We will more availability for our student athletes.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Damion, I have a question. When are you going to recommend that people start getting a Covid shot?

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK, I.H.S. CEO: As soon as they are available. Right now, I don't think we have. Well, I'll have to look at what we have and when we can anticipate when the vaccine is coming. It should be within this month. That would be the month that I would recommend when it comes available. We should be getting the message out. We will

communicate that with the Board of Health when we have those vaccine's available for inhouse. Also, the flu vaccine. I recommend getting both, flu and Covid vaccine. They kind of present similar symptoms. It's going to be like one of the required immunizations annually is to get the annual flu and an annual Covid shot. It might be a 2-dose series. I don't know if they'll eventually get to one. There's going to be multiple strains of Covid every year just like the flu. It's going to be around so we need to make sure we get that. Hopefully the severity of the Covid is not what it was when it first came around. The flu season can be severe even with vaccination because the virus mutates every year. They try to predict the strain that's going to be the dominant strain of that season. Same thing with the Covid, how they predict

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: So, you will let us know when that is going to be available?

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK I.H.S. CEO: Yes. Absolutely. The PHN's will help with that. We had a meeting with Kayla and Kim Dahle last week. We have regular meetings with them. At least every other week to discuss those items.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Can you just let them know. I asked Kayla if we could hand out Emerge-C and vitamins. Just to give out to try to help build people's immune systems. So, if you could let them know, we can maybe schedule it around the time the vaccines are available.

CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK I.H.S. CEO: Yeah, we'll let them know as soon as we get the vaccines. I know that Crow, you probably heard that Crow is going through a big shortage of providers. It's kind of impacting us a little bit. Kayla told us a little bit about this last week. They have a staffing crisis at Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital. They are starting to get contractors to come in and help staff them. It's impacted us in our ability to transport them to Crow. We've had some confusion about the diversion, like they were going to divert our transports straight to Billings but it was clarified. They are no longer on diversion so they should be taking our patients if they need to get the higher-level services from our service unit. We were going to experience a little bit of staffing but we have coverage for the rest of September and it looks like October we will have a full schedule of urgent care staffing. My goal is to try to get us all the way through the rest of the calendar year and through the holidays because that is kind of the biggest need for urgent care to make sure we have a full schedule of providers. It's been a challenge. I've had a few people interested in applying for positions and decline. I've had 2 providers and 1 pharmacist decline. That's probably some of our internal processes that we have to iron out. We've had that assistant secretary for administration here last week do a site visit at Northern Cheyenne and they also did a visit with Chief Dull Knife College, with Eva Flying, the President there to see about how we could help with. When we recruit, we don't just recruit for providers, we do need help with our administration folks, our support staff. Some of those positions turn over a lot and it impacts our day to day operations like our; I'm still going on over a year without my own secretary. I don't have an executive secretary right now. We've put it out for advertisement and had to re-advertise. The support administrative assistances are really vital to our operations so we are trying to get Chief Dull Knife College to kind of help with that as well. See if there are any programs that they can do with training them, like on the job shadowing, that type of stuff. We will be working with them in the future. We don't just doctors

and nurses. We need everybody with administrative support as well. Chief Dull Knife College can help with that pipeline to get people in to help us retain our own here at Northern Cheyenne. The other visit we had; so, we had that visit; had I.H.S. Headquarters last Wednesday, they were here just talking about some of our H.R. processes are going to be handled at Billings Area are not going to be handled by headquarters so that is going to help us kind of expedite the process so we don't lose people because of the time it takes to bring people on. That's one of the good things. I'm hopeful that we can people on faster. That's one of the issues is the time to hire with the Government is it takes such a long time. So, with that I think that's pretty much all I have for updates. I will send an email to Board of Health about the messaging for our Covid; how we are approaching Covid and the vaccinations. I think that's it unless there are any questions from Tribal Council leadership.

ITEM #3 –BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Good morning Tribal Council. Had a good weekend. Labor Day weekend. It's good to get some rain. Although that smoke came right behind it but I think it's supposed to clear.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I thought it was fog this morning when I woke up.

SUPEPINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Me too. I'll just go right into our program reports. Not a lot to report from last month to this month. Forestry is still waiting on the bill for the Richard Springs. They are continuing on their stand exam project. I know they've been assisting the Tribe on the re-carbon project; getting reforestation data together and assisting with that. Other projects they got going on. The thing I need to follow up on is, I think I mentioned it last month, we were going to have a meeting. I forgot to remind you of that last week, concerning the roads. I know I sent that letter over and Justin Small, I mentioned that last month too, brought a letter down. We initially had a day scheduled, I spoke to William, and had to reschedule but we just need to follow up on when we can have a meeting. I know the Tribe wanted to meet also. I've gotten reports that the roads have gotten better from when we initially reported. As far as Fire goes, we've had a total of 14 fires this year; 5 lightening; 2 coal seams; 7 human-caused. We just had that painted hill one last week; 30th of last week. That was by a coal seam and high winds that we had. Just glad they were able to get it contained and under control right away by the next day. Just year-end close out with Fire. Zach was doing some outreach at the Labor Day pow wow this past weekend, that was good. I went over there Friday night and checked it out, my family and I. It's a nice area.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Did you clown dance?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: They wouldn't let me. I clown around enough over at the Agency. Mostly day to day business for fire.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I know they had one behind my mom's. They jumped on it and did a good job.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yeah, they are a good crew. They are really professional when they respond. It's been, I don't want to call it a good fire year, it's been good to be here without a lot of fires. Self-Determination, we've been focusing on preparing FY'24 contracting documents. The model contracts and AFA's. Just want to send a friendly reminder too, I know I talked to a few council members about, it's that time of year submitting supplemental funding requests. Just a reminder to try to focus on project based for supplemental funding requests, if you can. I know, the reason for that, I guess to explain myself. The ones that have gone up to the review committee that have revolved a lot around salaries and they end up getting denied. I've had some discussions about that with the Region, as has Alicia. In one way or other times, a lot of things end up revolving around salaries regardless even if you are doing a project. So, I think if it's just the way the proposal or the request is submitted. I know I've talked to Councilman Limberhand and Councilwoman Gourneau. She just showed me a draft and a resolution that is on the agenda today concerning feral horses, which is good. As far as our vacancies go, just waiting on a cert for a social worker. The review for qualified applicants. I regret to inform you folks, I know last month we had 2 that were really excited to come on board. We lost one. They were already moving out here and they lost one. It was more for personal reasons. It didn't have anything to do with the onboarding process or on the HR side. It was a personal reason and they ended up having to not come on board as a social worker. Just for you folks and the listening public out there, that is still running on USA Jobs right now. That's been running continuously for 3 different agencies out of the region for social workers.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I have a question. For social workers, there's been some concerns brought to my attention. A person that works for the department that isn't certified and that has been, there's been cases where children were taken from a home with her filing the complaint and she's not certified. And it was a pretty high amount of cases, I was told.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: It might be better for me to follow up with you Melissa or Councilwoman Lonebear outside of this meeting concerning that. We're in a public setting. This might be a personnel issue. But, broadly, I'd have to go back and check as far as like certified. I know the social workers

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Licensed, I should say.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Ok, I could check on that. As far as I know, I can go back and double check. Like with HR or with the Bureau, social workers aren't required to have a license that work here in the BIA positions. I know the social workers are required to have MSW, the social workers and the supervisor. The other staff aren't required to have a license.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yes, that was a concern.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Ok, I'll go back and check it out. We do have 3 representatives for social services. Waiting for them to be advertised. They're at recruitment. Same thing with Range. I reported this last month also. 3 range positions; it's 2 techs and 1 range management specialist. Just waiting for those to be advertised. We sent in the recruitment package for a staff assistant and for our facilities manager and a custodial worker.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: How about your Deputy Superintendent?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: I have to check back with the Regional Director's office. I spoke to her about it last week and she signed the hiring control form for it and I think from her it goes up to the Deputy Field Director. Once that gets back signed then we are moving along in the process. That's an update to I guess. Thank you for asking. That's an update to last month that it's starting to move along in the process. Which I would really like. I really do need a Deputy over there. As far as the AO's office, just working on the year end activities. Like I said, it's that time of year. Just want to just give another friendly reminder for the Tribe as far as ASAP, the last day for funds to be drawn is September 25th and re-opens again on October 2nd. The Tribe currently has, for FY'22, almost \$132,000.00 available and almost \$236 available for FY'23 in ASAP right now. Just a reminder.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I was looking through the minutes from August 8th. When you were discussing the roads, regarding the fire situation. Any progress?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yeah. That's what

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. If one of the. The reason I'm asking too is because winter is almost here and we get a lot of requests from people that live out. I'm just curious about the update for that. If you were getting communication from our Transportation department.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yes. Like I said. I should press on that more, I guess, I know because it's been over a month now. I had sent a letter over and there was a response to that that Justin Small brought over. We had a good discussion about it. I talked to William prior to that too. We were going to schedule a meeting right away after the letter came over. I remember calling him on the day of and he had to reschedule and I just didn't communicate with him since then as far as rescheduling another meeting but I need to do that. What's been reported back to me from my staff is that there has been progress. I know there was a review. The AOTR came down. He came over and met with the Tribe, Rob Stenslyn. It's been a little bit and I know Alicia came over. Even when I talked to Justin. I know there are some other concerns internally at the Tribe that seem like are factors for the situation, I guess, with roads. Maybe lack of staffing or resources. I want to kind of be careful here because this is a contracted program. I know that 25% that comes out of your overall transportation budget is always an issue. I guess in a sense I want to advocate for roads maintenance. It's the Tribe's responsibility. I know there's always accountability issues in that. They don't work for us. They work for the Tribe. It's contracted. I know also, it's a program that's always bare bones. They are never on the top of the priority list when it comes to budget formulation so that 25% always becomes a part of the picture.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: No, they've been at this same rate since I left. \$360-380,000.00 a year. Yeah, they depend on that and then when we have other projects going with them here, they can get up that. They don't have to.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yeah. I know, even when you do. They change it all the time, the roads inventory. That doesn't necessarily mean that your funding always goes up either in whatever you have in your inventory. It comes back to priorities, right? Just like you were saying Councilwoman Lonebear about people. You got your constituents asking all the time. I know winter is coming. I know there is a lot of range out there. We get that same feedback from operators with range about roads. One thing I will say is, some those pictures, or even when I've been out. I've gone out and looked myself, you know, out in the field. You know, some of the roads, maybe due to different reasons, it's getting maybe beyond a maintenance issue and more of construction issue. Some of that, I think, could be due to natural occurrences when there is flooding and that you know. They just get wore down. Whenever you have like a serious event, you have to be at a high threshold to get any kind of emergency funding. I had a good discussion with Justin. I just need to get that meeting set because the Tribe, from his perspective, wanted to hear from us and we could hear from them. Just try to see how we could be more supportive at the Agency.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: If you get any kind of communication from operators or from your staff, if you could forward that information to us just so we have documentation of it. We can follow up as well.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Ok. For Social Services, I still have a total of 4 staff. I mentioned earlier what's going on with our vacancies. We currently have 93 child welfare cases. Staff working on call. I did have a note though. I hadn't planned on opting back in but I think the Region has an IDIQ Contract that we are going to opt back in on for Social Services. It was a prior contract that the Region and BIA has with an outside contractor to provide social workers out at Crow and here and Ft. Peck. I hadn't planned on opting back in on that but I have since changed my mind. They are doing a 90-day extension for that and then working towards an actual renewal. It's like a task order contract. There's been some issues with it but we've been getting it worked out with the contractor and the Region. We definitely need the help. Realty, it's just been normal business with homesite leases, Ag leases, land sales. We continue to have compliance issues like I reported last month. We've sent out some trespass notices on that. We're actually going to be impounding some hay that's going to be going up for bid just due to trespass. Right a ways and broadband, that's been ongoing. We've slowed down a little bit on renewals but I think the applicants will be coming to meet with the Tribe, I would think soon, to discuss renewals of the Tribe giving consents, if they want. Same thing I mentioned last month. Determining whether you want to continue with right a ways or service land agreements. I know I have been communicating with the President on route 2 and route 11 for some data. I know I didn't check back with you, I think Friday, but I was my mistake. I wanted to mention that today. There were a couple letters that were sent last year. One in February, if you remember, requesting right a way information. I don't know why I thought, in my mind, that in that initial letter, before it even got here, was for all right a ways. It wasn't. It was specific to the power and phone companies. So, that external hard drive that I did send over, only has the right a ways for the phone and power companies. But, you know, I sent the spread

sheet over for route 2 and route 11. We were able to pull most of those right a ways that we discussed last week. There was one that had a lot of images in it that we were having a hard time down loading. I might see if we could get some help from IT. There's some that we couldn't locate in TAAMS that we need to get from LTOR. I'm hoping we will be able to have a better update for our call this afternoon at 3. Besides the right a way and broadband projects, that is working on this renewal energy zones. The contract was awarded for the Youth Correction Center. We are just waiting on a start date on that. Hopefully that's soon because I know

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: What are they going to be working on?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: The roof. I know I've been reporting out about that. They are putting in a whole new roof at the Youth Correction Center. They've had problems there for years. Contracts been awarded, like I said, just waiting on a start date. So, hopefully that'll be soon with the weather getting colder. We are also waiting on. You know, we did a lot work on the water in that facility. Just waiting on a contractor to come in and do the filtration system. That'll be on the 18th of this month, they're scheduled. We had a, just last week, a problem with the line over there with a hydrant outside. It shouldn't be too hard. They are going to fix it. Hopefully start on it this week. We didn't have any. Moving over to Range. We did put out a 3rd round. We had no bids on that at all for a competitive 3rd round.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok. So, after the 3rd round, can somebody just come in and apply?

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yes. Yes, they can.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Someone had asked me that the other night.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: They can come over to the Agency. Thank you for asking. We haven't had anyone come into the Agency as a follow up to that yet. We do have still a lot of surplus AUM's available. If anyone wants to come in, any operators or permittees, they can come over.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I will let them know.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: We did send out, like we had for the 1st and 2nd rounds, we did send out letters to all the permittees about the 3rd round. We did have some non-member interest but they never. We even had one gentleman come in and ask to go out and look but he never submitted a bid. I plan on sticking to 2675 with that still as the minimum. I talked to a few of the board members last week. I know they've been having meetings, the Grazing Board. A few of them, I've talked to them about getting ready for the next cycle. I'm hoping we are going to start getting our 90 day notices out this week to land owners. I really want to make a good effort to see if we can get back on track and timelines with the ordinance. Especially with the first 2 weeks in December and the 1st and 2nd rounds. Hopefully by February 15th, we have things in place. If there is surplus after that, we will just see what we can get done. We continue to have out of compliance there also. I get reports all the time and we follow up on it. I did want to mention, we did have a Pathways student. I think I did mention before in a prior report. We

had a Pathway student that came out of the Region and did some work here. GPS/GSI work. Richard and him were able to Re-GPS the buffalo pasture that I had talked about before, which is good. We just need to make sure we get it into the system. That's pretty much all I had. For Probate, I didn't have anything to report. Just day to day business there. One thing I wanted to mention is horses. I know I've talked to a couple of the Council members. We get constant calls. We did have, I mentioned it to Councilman Limberhand and Councilwoman Gourneau, some funds left in that Ag contract. Like I said, she showed me the draft and the resolution. I'm going to check with Jarvis Gust. From what I understand, it was out of his office. Out of the Region where that funding came from last time when they had the big horse roundup here. I think what they used was like it was invasive. Invasive species funding is how they spun it. Starting with this. Like I said earlier, if there's anymore supplemental funding requests to come our way, we'll try to press to see if we can get them approved. Horses is something that I will admit that. I'm not going to say that it is not at the top of our priority list but it's been down towards the bottom as far as us keeping up with. We just need to do a better job with it and just appreciate the Tribe doing compliance also and we work on these requests. I just want to make sure we're partnering with the Tribe to get something done. That's all I have Madam Chair.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Thank you for coming over.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: I tried to keep it a little shorter. I don't know if I did or not Melissa.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you so much.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Who's your compliance officer?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We appreciate you Andy.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: You mean for like in Realty or Range?

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Yeah.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: I don't have anybody in Range right now. Been really trying to press to get those position advertised. So, what I've been doing is I got a lot of staff doing lateral duty, including myself. Sometimes I go out in the field and do a compliance. On the realty side, that's mostly been Richard but that's in his job description also as a Realty Specialist. I just need to get more staff hired. Like last month, looks like the Tribe is going be helping more with compliance.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Well, for instance, this weekend there was some white people out there hunting. They stopped and I asked for information but they wouldn't tell.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: I know that's the first I am aware. I know that's not within our authority. We wouldn't give that kind of authority. I know that's probably more

of a, I don't want to put him on the spot, Jason Whiteman. I think that would be under his shop. I know Scott Small is your game warden.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah. He is supposed to be out there.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: But if I get any reports like that, I'll let the Tribe know or let Scott Small know or Jason. That's the first I've heard Mr. Vice-President.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH SR. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW WERK: Yeah. Thank you. You folks have a good day.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Motion to add resolution approving amendments to the Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporate Charter and appointing the first board and the Tribal Council Ex-Officio member to the Corporate Board.

Motion made by Nizhoni Friesz. 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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #4 – MINUTES

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make a motion to approve August 8th minutes. I'd like to take this time to, I know we had one request from Councilman Davie to make the minutes verbatim so I would just like to thank Edina for doing so.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: There were a couple little typo corrections that pointed out.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 8, 2023 REGULAR SESSION.

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	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #5 – RESEARCH PROJECT ON CHILDREN’S READING ACQUISITION

ROBERTA HARRIS: Good morning. I’m going to read off my acquisition. Our goal is to better understand factors that impact young children’s reading acquisition who attend Tribal Head Starts. To date, very little research has been completed on factors that influence reading acquisitions in AI/AN children. Improved understanding of reading acquisitions in young AI/AN children may play a part in combating the low adult literacy rates in many Tribal communities. We also see that children in marginalized communities are exposed to or experience instances of event-based trauma more than the general US population. Previous research has documented that exposure to and experience with trauma can have detrimental effects on children’s learning. Event-based traumas also compound the inherent historical trauma that resides in Native communities. In contrast, Tribal communities and Head Start programs provide unique opportunities for deep engagement with Native culture and language. Some researchers suggest that experiences with Native culture is connected to increased academic success for Native youth. Using the AI/AN Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES) database, our proposed study will investigate relationships between early reading acquisition and childhood exposure to or experience with event-based trauma and how experiences with Native culture and language might moderate or mediate any main interaction effects. Significant emphasis will also be placed on how historical trauma impacts tribal learning environments. Ms. Roberta Harris (Northern Cheyenne Head Start Director), Ms. Emily Killsback (Northern Cheyenne Head Start Disabilities Manager), Ms. Chelsea Wessel Sloan (Fielding Graduate University PhD student), and Dr. Catherine Johnson (Montana State University, consultant on indigenous research) determined that investigating event-based trauma exposure/experience and Native culture exposure/experiences in relation to early reading acquisition could inform programming at the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Head Start and proactive initiatives within the Northern Cheyenne community. Additionally, the team felt results from the

proposed studies could be beneficial to all Tribal Head Starts. However, the following variable may also be useful and interesting to examine in relationship to children's reading acquisition upon recommendation from the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council. So, these questions that we are looking at already come from a study that we want to pull these questions from. We want to look at reading acquisitions and some of the health questions that we want to ask that's already on there. What's the reason for not going to health care visits; where does child go for dental care; how long since last check up; reason for not going for dental care visits; and parental symptoms of depression. We also look at parental status such as status of parental relationships (married, partnered, etc); why child might not live with a parent; mother's contact with child or reason for not in contact; father's contact with child or reason for not in contact. Then we also look at language. What language is spoken at home; does anyone speak native language to the child, who, how often; does the child learn native language at home or school. The other variable that we look at is drug and alcohol abuse. Smoking in the child's home, who and how often; alcohol use in the child's home, who and how often; anyone treated for alcohol abuse in last 12 months. The other variables that we look at are questions such as regarding how often a child is exposed to literacy activities at home; questions about literacy skills in the classroom; questions about rhyming. We also look at childhood event-based trauma. Witness to violence; exposure to violence; removal from home due to neglect; homelessness. Also, native culture and language variables. Attending cultural events; native language spoken in the home; native language spoken at school; native language taught at school; experience with Native activities/games/cooking at home. The other specific questions that we want to look at are the following: Does exposure to event-based trauma effect early reading acquisition skills in Tribal Head Starts? To what extent does exposure to event-based trauma influence early reading acquisition skills? Sub-question: What does the AI/AN-FACES data reveal about rhyming abilities in Tribal Head Start students? Does exposure to and experience with Native culture and language moderate or mediate the interaction between reading acquisition and exposure to/experience with event-based trauma in Tribal Head Start students? To what extent does exposure to and experience with Native culture and language moderate or mediate the interaction between reading acquisition and exposure to or experience with event-based trauma in Tribal Head Start students? So, as far as the data analysis plan, we would like to look at the 2019 fall and spring AI/AN FACES datasets to explore the relationships between early reading acquisition and childhood exposure to or experience with event-based trauma for Head Start students. So, there's several data that we want to look at. Of course, there's the AI/AN FACES and then another one called SPSS. Since AI/AN FACES dataset incorporates stratification, clustering and oversampling (with child participant weights) we will need to review the data and perform descriptive statistics on the demographic characteristics for each observation and the focal variable understudy, which is Reading Acquisition Variables, Childhood Trauma Variables, Exposure to/Experience with Native Culture and Language Variables. To address our study questions, we will use multiple regression analysis. We will also consult with a statistician who has expertise in Indigenous statistics about our data analytic plan. Possible experts include Drs. Jameson Lopez, Craig Marroquin or Frances Stage. Once we generate results from this series of analysis, we will decide if subgroup comparisons are needed and then next steps will be determined.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Roberta, sorry to interrupt. Do you have an MOU?

ROBERTA HARRIS: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok.

ROBERTA HARRIS: An MOU with?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: An MOU with, what is it, MSU?

ROBERTA HARRIS: So, this study is part of our. So, myself and Emily, we're both in the Master's of Public Health. Emily is almost complete with her Master's at the end of this year and I'll be looking at next year. But I'm going into the Mental Health track. This lady, Chelsea Sloan, is in her PhD Program.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I just want to make sure that there is language somewhere in these that says who the information belongs to, who the data belongs to. It needs to belong to the Tribe.

ROBERTA HARRIS: The data that's coming, that we are looking at, has already been developed. It already was

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Whatever's gathered, that belongs to the Tribe. So we could probably put a whereas or a be it further resolved on your resolution.

ROBERTA HARRIS: Ok.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: That's my recommendation and I make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Second.

ROBERTA HARRIS: So, do you want me to continue on with the resolution then and just add that language in there?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yes.

ROBERTA HARRIS: Do you want me to start with the resolution then?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Just read the heading. I made the motion already

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: There's already a second.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I made the motion and Debbie second so.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE TRIBAL HEAD START CHILDREN'S READING ACQUISITION WITH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE INCLUDED WITH THE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.

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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #6 – WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: At this time, I would like to make a motion to table item #6.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #6 ON THE AGENDA

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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ITEM #7 – PRO BONO ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH K & L GATES

WILLIAM WALKSALONG: Good morning Tribal Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Good morning.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Good morning.

WILLIAM WALKSALONG: I requested to. I've been tracking this Yellow Kidney case. The main one is the Shawna Yellow Kidney vs. Montana Public Office of Instruction. Chairman of the Montana Board of Public Education, Quinlyn, I think her name is. Madlyn Quinlyn. Just give you a little background. Cases in Cascade County District Court in Great Falls, Honorable Amy Eddies, the presiding Judge. The previous presiding Judge recused themselves due to conflict of interest. Judge Parker. I think its good to know who the parties bringing the suit are. There are 18 individual plaintiffs. All enrolled students in the Public School system. 11 parents. 6 Federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Northern Cheyenne. The only ones that weren't included in this lawsuit, and I don't know why they didn't join this class action, Blackfeet and the Rocky Boy Tribes. The defendants are LT Arnson and Madlyn Quinlyn. Plaintiff's class is seeking declaratory injunctive relief for defendant's alleging failure to implement and monitor and enforce the guarantees of Montana Constitution of Education for All, clause article 10, section 1 & 2 of the Montana Constitution. The concern is the Public Schools are not teaching distinctively cultural heritage of American Indians in a culturally responsive manner and every public school, Montana school personnel, should work cooperatively with Indian Tribes. The attorneys are Melody McKoy from NARF and Rachel Marapol from TLSU Foundation, racial justice project. They're real seasoned attorneys. Melody's been there for 35 years at NARF litigating Tribal Rights. The other lady has been at it with ACLU, running a non-profit. All their attorney's have over 100 years' experience litigating constitutional rights and combatting government abuse. That's just a little bit of background on this. In April, the Court denied the motion from OPI to dismiss this case. The main contention from the State Attorney General's office was that the suit needed to be brought, not only on these 2 defendants, Arnson and Quinlyn, but also all the school districts in Montana. The Judge denied that, said they had standing. Certified them as a class. They reset the oral argument for April of 2024. They've been filing briefs with the court. The NARF Attorney's and ACLU have been holding bi-weekly updates. Brian Chestnut and I have been joining these legal updates or legal briefings. What both of the Law Offices, that are representing the class, have recommended is to bring in an outside legal counsel, K&L Gates. Brian drafted the resolution to engage with K&L Gates. They are headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Three Mile Island. It's a resolution to approve a pro bono engagement. I attached the engagement letter and the contract. K&L Gates is a mega lawfirm in the United States and around the world. They have law offices in Australia, Asia, Middle East, London, England. They have over a thousand attorney's in their law firm. The guy that is going to represent, if the council passes this, is Abram Moore. He's from Montana and he's been assigned to represent, provide legal counsel to this attorney contract pro bono. The only thing that they would ask is if we win the law suit against OPI and the Judge awards legal fees that they would be compensated. In a precedent, the BIA, because our constitution requires they review our Attorney contracts. They have to have this passed by Tribal Council for their legal review down at the BIA. I consulted with Brian. We got this resolution together and the attached attorney contract. For your consideration is this pro bono Attorney contract with K&L Gates to join the legal team in contesting the implementation of Indian Education of all.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I'll make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll second that motion.

WILLIAM WALKSALONG: Right now, before we get to the vote, we are in settlement negotiations. Just like the case against the BIA Police. We had our first call 2 weeks ago and they put out a draft settlement proposal. What we are driving at in this settlement agreement is that establish minimum standards for implementing Indian Education for All and that they monitor it; they come up with the proper curriculum; that they consult with Indian Tribe's; they ensure that school district throughout Montana cooperate with Indian Tribes. Also, that they properly spend Indian Education for All funding that comes through the legislature. Some of them are taking that money and using it for something else. That was the main thing that is contained in the draft settlement agreement. And that is it. If there's any questions before you vote.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Are you going to work on the Attorney check list?

WILLIAM WALKSALONG: Yeah. They require it for NARF and ACLU. Even though they are representing the Tribes pro bono, they still review them with their, I think they have a 3-member committee, from the Rocky Mountain Region, they review the contracts, make sure they are in good standing. All those kinds of things. They tried to by-pass it. Some of the attorneys from ACLU but it's pretty much set in stone in the constitution.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NOTHERN CHEYENEN TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A PRO BONO ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH K&L GATES

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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #8 – SETTING AN ELECTION FOR NCTS BOARD

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: You have a resolution in your packet to set the election schedule and date. I'll go to the

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, the whereas, sorry. Muddy and Birney, their seats expire anyway. There were resignations from Muddy and Ashland. So, this election will cover all 3. Beth is the one that is working with the school to get this. This schedule needs to be passed today so it falls within the timeline.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: The postings need to take place. I'll make that motion to approve the resolution to set the date and approve the schedule.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: So, we meet the timelines.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: Where it says the deadline could be shortened for posting the district voter's list and the notice soliciting candidates, is that going to be done?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: It has to be once we pass this. This sets it in motion.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yeah, this sets it in motion so it's tomorrow.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: The voter's committee has been meeting and I'm pretty sure the secretary is ready to do the posting.

SECRETARY REDSTAR: We have a voter's committee meeting scheduled at noon today. So, that gives me time this afternoon work on updating the lists so I can get them posted tomorrow.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We have a motion and a second to approve the resolution, I mean, to set the date and approve the schedule.

MOTION BY MELISSA FISHER TO SET AN ELECTION FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL SCHOOL BOARD. SECOND BY MELISSA LONBEAR.

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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #9 – FERREL HORSE LAND BOARD FACILITY

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Thank you Madam President and Tribal Council members. You have before you a resolution requesting funding for feral horse and impoundment management. The Tribal Council has the authority to manage and protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribe. The Tribal Council has a need to reduce the number of feral horses that roam throughout the reservation and the herds are growing exponentially every year reducing the forage available to cattle operators and farmers. The Tribal Council is requesting funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to install fencing, separation pens security cameras, lights, water source and tanks, feeding centers and loading chutes for transport of horses and cattle. Therefore, be it resolved that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby requests funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to assist in the management and reduction of feral horses and to build a holding facility for both feral horses and cattle impounded. In your package, there's a budget, a draft letter to the Superintendent and a drawing of the proposed improvements we want to make for this purpose. Any questions? If not, I make that motion.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I'll second.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Rodeo grounds. It won't hold wild horses. Need higher fence. They're not just feral, they're wild. I was helping with the last one we did, that round up. There're about 20 horses that died from going through the fence. We need better fence if we're going to run them. Since buffalo has money, you guys can build a good corral. The buffalo need a good corral to doctor the buffalo, vaccinate them.

COUNCILMAN LIMBERHAND: Have you been out there lately?

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: So, I think it would be good if you guys built a good corral out there somewhere. For the wild horses and the buffalo.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Yeah, we are working on that. We submitted a grant for 1.2 million dollars to improve the buffalo program and it includes significant fencing and enclosure of those animals.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: An actual facility.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Them wild horse will run right through and escape if it's just barbed wire fence.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: That's a good recommendation Ernest. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, the other question I had or recommendation for this. It's been, or actually, I'm really glad there's been so much progress with all of this stuff. One of the questions from the membership from prior council and land authority was, where did the money go for the ones that were impounded and sold? So, we'll just get another resolution later

laying that all out so that it's not a free for all for all tribal members to gather and sell and to hire outside contractors. We had a helicopter wreck happen during that time.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah. FBI has that case right now.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Because it wasn't being monitored.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: The first one was monitored. All the money from the horses did come back into an account. The second one,

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: That's how we made things.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: We didn't get one penny.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: That's what needs to happen. Were improvements from the revenue. It needs to go directly back into the program.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah. Most of that money should have went back into our general fund. I think there was about \$16,000 that was left, according to Allen Fisher. It is being taken care of though.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
REQUESTING FUNDING FOR FERAL HORSE AND IMPOUNDMENT
MANAGEMENT.**

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. 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 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #10 – PERSONNEL POLICY

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I'd like to request to table that. There are a few more things we need to insert before we present it. What we will probably do is call a special.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Is that your motion?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: That's my motion.

MOTION BY TO TABLE ITEM #10.

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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #11 – CULTURAL COMMISSION

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I have a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving newly appointing members to the Northern Cheyenne Cultural Commission and rescinding Resolution No. DOI – 007 (2023)

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Which seats were vacant?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: The Birney and Busby.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, Larry is replacing

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Alec Sandcrane and Mark Roundstone is replacing Calvin Brady.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, quick question. Is Larry on 2 boards?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah, he's supposed to be submitting his resignation to the TERO Board.

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: He wanted to come in and withdraw his resignation from cultural.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: What’s that?

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: He was wanting to come in and withdraw his resignation for cultural because he wants to stay on the other board.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: After you told me that, he came back in the next day and told me he wanted to be on the cultural committee. After you came in and told me he to withdraw.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Was he the only letter of interest for Birney?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah. So, I put him back on there. Well, you came and told me and then he came and told me. I put him back in and after that, this was like a week ago that he came back and told me again. So, I told him he needed to get his resignation from the TERO Board. Was this real recent that he told you again.

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: No. I thought he already. I didn’t know that he spoke to you before.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah. He came in the day after you told me that he was withdrawing.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Is your request from him in writing?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yes. If there’s a question on that, why don’t we just put vacant on that one. No?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Just follow up with him and the TERO Board.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Ok. We will just leave it as it is. Therefore, be it resolved that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council concurs with and approves the aforementioned appointments of Vincent Whitecrane, Bilford Curley, Mark Roundstone, Roger Killnight, Sr., Larry Medicine Bull and Wallace Bearchum as members of the Northern Cheyenne Cultural Commission effective immediately. Be it further resolved that Resolution No. DOI – 007 (2023) is hereby rescinded.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. 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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #12 – APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO NORTHERN CHEYENNE CORPORATE CHARTER

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I just wanted to give a quick update. I went to the NTIA Broadband Conference. It was pretty amazing just how much information they were able to give about broadband and about what all these other Tribe’s were doing across all these other Tribe’s in the US, basically.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: There’s a typo in the heading.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Yeah. I am going to go through that. This is the version that was sent this morning which had 5 members. Now that we have been able to identify 7, we will be putting 7 members on our board. So, I’ll just read it as it should be modified. So, I have a resolution approving the Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation Charter and appointing the first board and the Tribal Council Ex Officio member to the Corporation board.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council developed the attached Corporate Charter for the “Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation” for the purposes stated therein which includes administration of the NTIA Broadband Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved and issued the Corporate Charter for the “Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation” and now wishes to: we won’t be amending the Charter because we’ll have 7 board members. Number 2 will be appointing the members of the first Board of Directors; and number 3 will be appointing a Tribal Council ex officio member of the Board;

The next therefore be it resolved will be striked through that because we’re not be amending anything

BE IT RESOLVED that the following are appointed as members of the first Corporate Board for the designated terms: Keith Fox, Richard Sanders, Kristan Johnson, Kim Dahle, Godfrey Enjady, and Michael Ferreira, who I met down there who is connected to Godfrey. He’s a San Carlos Apache Telecommunications Manager. That’s just east of Phoenix. So, it’s down in Arizona. The other member will be Mena Beartusk.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council appoints from its membership the Tribal Council Ex Officio, non-voting member of the Northern Cheyenne Communications Corporation Board of Directors. Which I guess would have to be decided now.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I nominate you.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I wouldn't mind. I really enjoyed that conference. It was pretty amazing.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Nizhoni would be good.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Just checking too if this is passed by ordinance or resolution.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I can check on that. So, I guess I can't make the motion.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: So, now we are only going to have 5 members instead of 7?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: No. We are going to have 7. We added Mena and Michael.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Well, it says right here

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: That's why we struck that.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: There's going to be a lot of striking from this one. So, it's basically just appointing the board.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, this will supersede the other resolution that sets the council as the board.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I think the entire council should be. There's a list of names.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: That's the broadband committee. This is for the Charter so it's separate.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FIRST BOARD AND THE TRIBAL COUNCIL EX OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION BOARD

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	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 @ 10:52 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 2nd day of October 2023.

Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe