

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

October 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

INVOCATION: Silver Little Eagle

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette.	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote <i>*arrived @ 10:01 a.m.</i>		X	
Torrey Davie <i>*arrived @ 9:23 a.m.</i>		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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Do we have any announcements?

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: I'd like to do an add on. Some of the officers for the NAC Chapter would like to come in and speak to the Council.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Gwen, I couldn't hear you very well. I didn't hear what you said.

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: Some of the NAC officers would like to come speak to the Council.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: When?

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: Today.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: At what time?

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: Whenever. During the Council meeting. Can they be put on the agenda?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Are the here?

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Is it just for an update or what?

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: An update and. Yeah. Probably just an update.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: The Superintendent also wants to meet with the Council after our meeting today regarding the valuation of our right of ways.

MOTION TO ADD NAC UPDATE TO THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. 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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COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE: I'd like to make a motion to add an item to the agenda. It's the contract with the Sheward Partnership.

MOTION TO ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. 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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COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE: Would like to make a motion to table the FEMA resolution.

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #10.

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. 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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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: If there are no other announcements, we will go with item #1.

SECRETARY REDSTAR: I talked with Michelene this morning and she's sick so she's not going to come.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. We will go ahead and move to item #2, district updates. I don't see any district representation here so we'll go with item #3, budgets.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modifications and/or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available funds. I'm not going to read the rest of it.

Program Budgets FY23

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
NEW	BOARD OF HEALTH-PPPHCEA	\$853,872.00
NEW	NCT 988 TRIBAL RESPONSE PRO.	\$38,477.00
NEW	WATER RESOURCES	\$117,222.16
NEW	NATURAL RESOURCES	\$53,751.00
NEW	WILDLIFE & PARKS	\$54,822.03
NEW	CHILDCARE	\$322,143.00
146	ELDERLY	\$38,477.00
148	LIHEAP	\$26,808.47
197	THPO	\$635,018.55
314	ELDERLY	\$18,885.00
321	ELDERLY	\$65,620.00
323A	LIHEAP	\$48,097.00
323	LIHEAP	\$412,877.00
328	ELDERLY	\$149,670.00
330E	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	\$1,009,422.56
336	CHILDCARE	\$157,434.45
336A	CHILDCARE	\$27,782.55
338A	CHILDCARE	\$158,900.70
338	CHILDCARE	\$870,437.30
338C	CHILDCARE	\$30,000.00
341	LIHEAP	\$490,427.80
407	TRIBAL FORESTRY	\$1,161,873.64
420	THPO	\$10,000.00
553A	WIOA-SYS	\$14,979.30
553B	WIOA-SYS	\$42,667.00
553C	WIOA-SYS	\$35,565.77
553D	WIOA-SYS	\$6,649.93
554A	WIOA	\$32,063.25
554B	WIOA	\$67,276.40
554C	WIOA-SYS	\$52,955.04
554D	WIOA-SYS	\$33,481.35
554E	WIOA	\$27,825.96
571A	WIOA	\$31,391.85
571B	WIOA	\$62,442.65
571C	WIOA	\$47,533.29
571D	WIOA	\$44,681.80
571E	WIOA	\$23,229.41
573A	WIOA-SYS	\$14,817.15
573B	WIOA-SYS	\$39,098.32
573C	WIOA-SYS	\$39,457.35

573D	WIOA-SYS	\$5,408.18
580	EPD	\$1,701,135.00
584	CLIMATE POLUTION RED.	\$371,750.00
593	EPA	\$1,253,692.00
596	EPD	\$156,492.00
602	THPO	\$8,000.00
696	ROSEBUD LODGE	\$1,163,905.50
704	HEADSTART	\$77,794.00
718	EPD	\$969,975.00
773F	BUFFALO CONTRACT	\$500,000.00
798	THPO	\$128,416.00
811	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	\$272,724.00
819	TRIBAL FORESTRY	\$31,117.77
830F	ARPA-SEWER	\$2,280,922.20
830K	ARPA-IT	\$572,666.18
840O	ARPA-POTABLE WATER	\$35,227.25

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll second her motion.

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

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Permanent fund budget is in there. I'll read it for Debbie. This is a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the first modification of permanent fund allocations fiscal year 24. That's my motion.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll second it.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: We don't need to go into a permanent fund meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Oh yeah, we do. Motion to recess.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll withdraw my second to her motion.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I'll change my motion to recess.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. I'll second that motion. I make a motion to open a permanent fund meeting.

9:17 RECESS FROM REGULAR SESSION TO ENTER INTO A PERMANENT FUND MEETING

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote <i>*arrived @ 10:01 a.m.</i>		X	
Torrey Davie <i>*arrived @ 9:23 a.m.</i>		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 LONEBEAR: Now I make a motion to approve the first modification of permanent fund allocations fiscal year 24.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE FIRST MODIFICATION OF PERMANENT FUND ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 24.

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADJOURN PERMANENT FUND BOARD MEETING

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			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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9:19 A.M. - PERMANENT FUND MEETING ADJOURNED

9:20 A.M. – RE-OPEN REGULAR SESSION

ITEM #4 – MINUTES

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make a motion to approve September 19th minutes. It was the rescheduled meeting from September 18th. We just rescheduled due to a funeral. I make a motion to approve the minutes.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Will it change the heading to rescheduled? Right above the date. Just put rescheduled session.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 REGULAR SESSION.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Nizhoni Friesz.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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10:15 A.M. – COUNCILMAN DAVIE ENTERED CHAMBERS.

ITEM #5 – AMERICAN INDIAN GOVERNANCE & POLICY INSTITUTE

KRISTINA LUCERO: My name is Kristina Lucero. I am the Director of the American Indian Governance & Policy Institute. I am housed over at the University of Montana. I have just taken over this job in August. I thank you for your time and attention. I wanted to just introduce myself and let you know what the institute is and what services we provide. The American Indian Governance & Policy Institute was created Heather Cahoon. She got this Institute supported by the Montana Board of Regents. So, what that means is I have access to all the University systems under Montana University system including MSUB, MSU, as well as U of M. When the State is making decisions about Tribal communities, she really believed that Tribal Communities should be the ones to make those decisions. That is why she created the American Indian Governance & Policy Institute and got us verified by the Montana Board of Regents so that all of the research, faculty and resources that are available to the Montana University Systems is available to Tribes. We are housed over at the University of Montana. I am under what is called the Office of Research and Creative Scholarship so that gives me quite a bit of resources in terms of being able to ask for funding as well as being able to have connections. We partner with Native American Studies department, the Law School there at the University as well as the Department of Public Administration and the Policy’s Master of Public Administration Program located within the Max Baucus Institute. I’m actually working on a partnership with the Max Baucus Institute right now. They have a lot of funding that they are able to provide to the Institute through recruiting grad students and researchers so I’m hoping that will come forward. Our mission is to bring Montana University Systems researchers resources to work with Tribal communities and organizations to address the so-called social determinants of health-related complications on the reservations. So, basically anything. It could be from diabetes to suicide. These are our core affiliates. Heather is the founder. I am the director. Andrew is the one that I go to when I am doing grants. Jason Newcomer is the director of Corporate and Foundations Relations. He is the person that I work with at the Foundation. If someone wants to make a donation to the Institute, we would have them go through Jason. I have an Advisory

Council comprised of a broad range of stakeholders. They are people who are all from or most of them are from Montana. Basically, they act in an advisory capacity and help guide our research agenda. Most of the membership are a 5-year term unless they are linked to a permanent seat. We have 5 permanent seats. Those are tied to the Director of the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, the chair of the Montana Tribal College Presidents Association, the Director of the Montana Governor's Office of Indian Affairs as well as the Director of the UM Indian Law Clinic. Those are all positions that when they change, the position itself remains as the Advisory Council even though the person has termed out. The other seats include Dorothy Dupree (Fort Peck), Vernon Grant (Blackfeet), Michael Lipsky, Casey Winn Lozar (CSKT), Gail Small (from here), Tressie White (Turtle Mountain Chippewa/Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree), Patrick Yawakie (he's from down south) and Jon Swan (from Rocky Boy as well). These are just a list of the affiliated faculty staff that we have who have signed on the help support the American Indian Governance & Policy Institute. They're all experts in their own field. Ranging from Environmental to Criminal Justice, Health Disparities, Psychology, Native American Studies, Trauma Reform Care Systems. A wide variety of different kinds of research available. We also partner with the various research centers, including all of these. And then student research such as, all of these programs. So, back in 2021 or back in 2020, Heather had started initial outreach to Tribal communities and identified different focus areas that she could pursue research topics on to provide back to the tribes. There were 28 different focus areas. Unfortunately, Covid hit and she wasn't able to get to Northern Cheyenne as well as some other reservations which is why I have made it my priority to get out to these locations to make contact with you all so that we can have this conversation. Among those 28 focus areas that were identified, I have highlighted some of the bigger ones. Well, they are all pretty big but areas such Law Enforcement and funding, combating methamphetamine use and substance abuse issues generally, resolving issues related to limited tribal jurisdiction over non-Indians for on-reservation drug offense and other crimes, sexual assault prevention and related issues, law enforcement following and prosecution processes, using tribal culture as a substance abuse, mental health/suicide, etc. prevention mechanism generally and specifically treating veteran's with PTSD and feasible and innovative ways to fund the establishment of a holistic wellness center. These are key focus areas of all reservations in Montana. Some of the reservations identified the same issue but some of them are specific to each reservation. This is what the Advisory Council and Heather had presented to the University. In terms of our services and what we will be able to provide, we can definitely research any request from the tribal government and/or tribal organizations in any research capacity together in expertise across Montana University system to work for you. This doesn't cost you anything. So, basically, if you go to my website, you click on "how to participate", there's a form you can fill out, it'll go directly to me and then there's a process in terms of. So, you'll submit the request form, we'll enter into an MOU explaining to each of us how the research will be disseminated so that you'll, the tribal government is wanting more of a disseminated and it's just specifically for tribal council purposes or tribal organization purposes or if it's something to be widely shared across Montana. Rocky Boy requested information about how jurisdiction applies to non-members on the reservation. That's a topic they didn't feel comfortable in sharing with the entire State so once we finalized that report, we'll be releasing that. We are also a think tank so we are using all of our faculty and advisory councils. We are needing to produce policies, general statements and articles using people like law students, law professors, different faculty across the state. In terms of moving forward, I wanted to just make this initial contact with you guys. If there's anything

that you have, issue that you would like researched or looked into, I'd be happy to discuss those with you. Some of my goals for the future will include, I was just going to see what interest there may be in having a Tribal Leaders Summit. I know the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council initially was created to do that kind of work so I am partnering with them in trying to bring that back to the forefront. Some of my committee outreach would be able to do is meet with organizations as well as institutes. I sat in on the Tribal Health Leaders Conference and I really liked the way that they ran it in terms of the information that they presented, the topics that were discussed. They did have what they called a closed-door meeting which I thought was really helpful to be able to discuss issues they were having across the State. To be able to identify commonalities and challenges and face them together. I thought that if we could have Tribal Leaders Summit. That's it. Thank you for your time. Are there any questions?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, we have our Deputy Director for our Tribal Health Program here. We are wanting to do a wage study. Is this limited to just, ok.

KRISTINA LUCERO: It's whatever the Council or Tribal Organizations or Governments or leaders, it's basically a free service for you guys to use. If there is some sort of issue that the Government or the Council or the community is facing that involves Tribal sovereignty or Tribal members, it's something that I can pursue. I can access all the resources that I have to do that for you so you don't have to.

KIM DAHLE: We will be having a strategic planning in Billings so I will present this.

KRISTINA LUCERO: Ok, perfect. Are there any other questions? Does the Tribal Leaders Summit sound like something you would be interested in?

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: It would be but we are not affiliated with the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council. I think it would be more specific

KRISTINA LUCERO: More specific for Northern Cheyenne. In terms of funding to get all of you there. I would like to be able to provide funding so you would be able to have a place to stay, gas money to get to where the location is. I was thinking, in the past, when I was an undergrad, it was easiest to get people to Missoula right before the pow wow. I don't know if that is something you are interested in or MSU might be a better time during the pow wow. Maybe on that Thursday and Friday before that. Does that sound like it might work?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Sooner. We need you sooner than that.

KRISTINA LUCERO: Ok. Awesome. Well, I really appreciate everybody's time and attention and I'm really super excited about all the outreach. My card is included in there. My information is included in there. It tells a little bit about my background. I actually went to a Law School, I prosecuted. It was the most rewarding career experiences that I have had even

though it was extremely hard but just having been involved in the State system and identifying where those gaps are and just seeing all of our tribal members. Not sure if you guys are aware of this but it's really hard for me to hear. Initially when I first started back in 2017, when the professionalized the board, the rates of incarceration were 19 percent, no 30 percent maybe. I know it has gone down since. So, I've asked Terry Boyd to be on the committee outreach because he is the Native American Liaison. Whenever I was on the board, people were like, we need this or I need this or I can't pull things together so now I can tell them to talk to Terry. So, he is the go to guy for that. In terms of my personal goals, I just think there are so many different issues. The rates of incarceration for our native women are at 40 percent right now and half them come from Crow and Northern Cheyenne. So, I think that there is a real need there for programming as far as what needs do they have when they are out there in the community to help them to not go back into the system. It's just really hard to see that happen. If you have any questions, I am a lawyer but currently not practicing.

ITEM #6 – MT. DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS – NATIVE AMERICAN LIAISON

TERRY BOYD: Good morning. My name is Terry Boyd. I am the Native American Liaison for Montana Department of Corrections. I am from Ft. Peck. A little bit about me. My background is I worked for Department of Corrections as a probation and parole officer in Billings. Been doing that for the last 8 years. I transferred into this position. One thing that I handed out to everybody is the demographics. One thing about these numbers is the currently the overall population for the indigenous is currently sitting at 19.8 percent as of 2022. I'll have to check the numbers. I think it might have gone up for the end of 2023. For the women's population for the Women's Prison, it is currently sitting at, I believe 40 percent of Indigenous women. Very high. One thing that we are working on at the Department of Corrections is a integrated correctional program model. This model is something that we are taking thru Canada. It is evidence based. They do have Indigenous tracks for this model of individuals. Some of the stuff that I provide is training for our correctional and contract programs on Native American Cultural awareness. Please feel free to give out my information. I will try to hook them up with that individual. If they are not hearing from them. If they think that something is going on or worried, they can always get ahold of me and I can connect them through to somebody in the prison system that can let them speak to their family member. Does anyone have any questions at all?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I think our Vice-President needs to be really involved with Harlin. Our former Vice-President. One of the things that we have failed in doing is providing resources to our people that are on probation and I feel like a lot of has to do with self-worth. You know, if they are working, if they are being productive and feeling good about themselves then most likely they won't go back to jail. We don't have any aftercare programs. We are trying to focus on those kinds of things right now but there's no, nothing, no resources at all for them when they get out of jail.

TERRY BOYD: One thing is, after have some conversations with your population in prisons, a lot of them are following through with Native American religion. Trying to reconnect with that culture. One thing that they brought to my attention is when they released out and come back out

to the community is trying to reconnect with that culture and religion. One thing I want to try to work on is getting them connected to people in the community where they can start attending sweat lodge ceremonies in the communities and just continuing that culture and religious practices so they feel better about themselves and kind of continue that path of being sober. If you know people in our urban areas that conduct sweat lodge ceremonies, if you can pass on my information to them because I would like to help these guys out when they get out.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Do they only do that at the state level, like at Deer Lodge?

TERRY BOYD: So, they do sweat lodge ceremonies at Shelby, the Women's Prison, then Pine Hills. I know Alternatives in Billings, the half-way house there, I've been working with them in getting a sweat lodge up and running again that way when they come through the pre-releases they can continue those religious practices. Bozeman, we got them working out with the college, attending sweat lodges there. I believe Helena has one out at Ft. Harrison that they run and allow the pre-release residents attend but they're kind of limited around the areas. For those that are leaving the Pre-Releases and coming out on probation or parole in the communities, we hook them up with somebody from their tribe. They'll just guide them back into religious practices. If we can get information from anybody.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Do you have any reservations that are currently doing or taking steps to help their people that are coming out of prison?

TERRY BOYD: The only that I am aware of, actually I think there is 2, the Salish Kootenai has their re-entry program that they work with our case managers in the prison system.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Is it working?

TERRY BOYD: I think they believe it is. They do all these wrap around services with it where they provide mental health, help them with employment, housing and they usually work with them through their program just so they are reconnecting with everyone in their community. Rocky Boy just created one. I believe it started in January when they got approved but I haven't heard anything else on how they are doing with the program. Hopefully in my travels I can find out some more information. I would love to get everyone connected to see what's working with all the different Tribal governments and share that information to see what we can do to help our family member that are coming back out to the community.

COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE: I see that the staff training is scheduled for this fall. Does that mean that the integrated correctional program will be implemented at that time?

TERRY BOYD: So, they will be trained on it. I believe it's going to be implemented 2024. They are getting everybody trained up on it right now. All of our prison staff. They are going to allow me to look at it, like sit in on some of it to see what exactly is being presented the individuals population.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We probably should try to schedule a meeting with our health program. We had a presentation done to us from a Sho-Ban TERO. They have an

apprenticeship program where they use their people on probation. That was part of their probation guidelines and then they would receive a certificate and they are employable. They are closer to a city than most reservations. When I listened to that presentation I was thinking, there's so many resources that could be combined to provide that kind of program. You could use DOJ funds, mental health dollars. It would be nice to kind of tag along or piggy back what we're planning.

TERRY BOYD: We'd definitely be working close together. Try to come up with some good programs with everybody.

KRISTINA LUCERO: If I could just jump in, sorry, I can't help it. With my work on the parole board, I've done a little bit of research. There was something kind of like what you are talking about that I'd really love to see implemented on reservations. There was a pilot program in North or South Dakota where they did kind of a supervision, like a tribal probation and parole, where they supervised the inmates. They were employed through the Department of Corrections but Tribal Council and a panel of tribal community members actually oversaw the inmate and governed the PO itself. So, they got paid through the State but Tribal Council and the Tribal Organization actually had say over what the PO could do. So, like if the person is in the community and had to get a job, they had to go through all these different levels. It was just different and it was more community oriented than what the State does. I would really like to talk more about that, I didn't mean to interrupt Terry.

TERRY BOYD: If I find something like that along those lines, that's definitely something our department would be willing to work around. It's something we are trying to do from the State level and working with different tribal governments in trying to find a program that works for everybody.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We also have a juvenile detention center here on our reservation and that's a whole other, wouldn't say problem but obstacle in trying to get help for the kids. Trying to catch them at a young age.

TERRY BOYD: Are there any other questions? Alright. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Thank you for coming.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you.

ITEM #7 – CONTRACT WITH HASKELL

KIM DAHLE: Good morning. This morning I have a contract to present to the Council. The Tribal Health Board reviewed this and approved this in October and we're bringing it back to the Council for review and approval. So, I'll start with, Whereas the health of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's people is of the utmost importance and the Tribe has always strived to take a leading role in addressing the health issues of our people; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health Commissioners have approved and recommend Tribal Council approval of a contract with Haskell to provide consulting services to the Board of Health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and approves a contract with Haskell to provide consulting services to the Board of Health.

This contract with Haskell is Pro Bono. It’s very lengthy.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I make a motion to approve.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I’ll second.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH HASKELL.**

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			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #8 – CONTRACT WITH LAUREN SMALL RODRIGUEZ

KIM DAHLE: This is a contract with Lauren Small Rodriguez. The contract is calling our spirits forward. **WHEREAS**, the health of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s people is of the utmost importance and the Tribe has always strived to take a leading role in addressing the health issues of our people; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health Commissioners have approved and recommend Tribal Council approval of a contract with Lauren Small Rodriguez, dba Calling Our Spirits Forward to provide consulting services to the Board of Health.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I just wanted to make sure that on page 2 have the NTE amount put in there. The cap and then timeline and deliverables. I think we decided September 3rd.

KIM DAHLE: Yes. The one I have here Nizhoni does have the date on there, September 2024 and it has, I believe, \$70,000. It does have the NTE.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH LAUREN SMALL
RODRIGUEZ, DBA CALLING OUR SPIRITS FORWARD.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #9 – STED COMMITTEE

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok, this one, a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council appointing Tribal Council members. I left them blank. We need to add names. One of the things from the State office was that we need people that will attend the meetings. The last one that was approved was in 2021. We need representatives.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I nominate Melissa Lonebear.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: It can be Melissa.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: It’s expired. Do you want to be the primary and you be the alternate?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Sure.

KIM DAHLE LEFT THE CHAMBERS

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I’ll make that motion. Melissa Lonebear, primary and Melissa Fisher, alternate.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: MELISSA LONEBEAR (PRIMARY), AND MELISSA FISHER (ALTERNATE), TO SERVE AS THE TRIBE’S REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MONTANA STATE TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Motion made by Debra Charette. 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	

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	2 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Item #10 was tabled so we’ll move 11 to 10. We’ll go ahead and go with item #10 and that is Serena.

ITEM #10 – CULTURAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/RESCIND DOI-007

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I have presented this a couple council meetings ago. The appointments that I made came back and declined. So, what I did was pocket vetoed that resolution and I’m representing it today to add JD Littlewhiteman for the Birney district. The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council concurs with and approves President Serena Wetherelt’s appointments, as established in the Cultural Commission By-Laws Ordinance No 9 (95), for Vincent Whitecrane as Ashland District, Bilford Curley as Lame Deer District, Mark Roundstone as Busby District, Roger Killnight Sr. as Muddy District, JD Littlewhiteman as Birney District, and Wallace Bearchum as alternate for membership of the Northern Cheyenne Cultural Commission; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. DOI-007 (2023) is hereby rescinded.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I’ll make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I’ll second. They have meeting at 10:30. I don’t know if anyone let JD know. Today, they are having a meeting. If someone can contact him and let him know.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: It’s next week. They made a typo on that. It’s on the 23rd.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE CULTURAL COMMISSION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. DOI – 007 (2023).

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			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #11 – NAC UPDATE

SPENCER SPOTTEDHORSE: My name is Spencer Spotted Horse. Kiowa Tribe. I am the Sergeant of Arms of the Morningstar chapter, Northern Cheyenne. As an update of what inquired or took place, following up the last couple of days. As officers and assistance from my wife of going down to Morando City, Mexico to receive this peyote for our Chapter and people amongst the Northern Cheyenne People. Our trip inquired as when we went down there, was purchasing the medicine alone. As we were doing the trip of going down, we inquired of emergency officer that resigned as we were traveling of our secretary. So, upon assisting of officers and of help, we called upon Patricia Talawyma and her companion, JD to come along in going down there in purchasing this medicine. We inquired of the trip, we came across 23 to 26 hours. We only stopped at one place. Going to Morando City, purchasing the medicine and leaving there and driving all the way to Montana. As a witness of an officer, I appreciate all of your guys' gratitude in assisting for us to inquire in getting this medicine down in Texas, in Laredo, Morando City. The person we got upon is a licensed dealer name Salvador Johnson. We have been dealing and keeping relationships with him of getting this medicine the right way as being a solid chapter amongst the Northern Cheyenne people as officers. We are getting this medicine for the conference we are having for the people on October 28th. This conference prayer service inquires of this medicine of what we are providing for the people that was purchased from Morando City. We are doing a 5-tipi conference prayer service in Birney on October 28th of using this medicine and fixing up for this prayer service for the tipis so people can partake in this medicine of prayer. Our prayer service conference requires of these roadmen that come from all over that are about this way of life that pray with this medicine to help the people. Their needs of spiritual guidance. Their needs of prayer. Their needs of guidance of

protection of addiction away from alcoholism, from drugs. It helps for the people with PTSD. This peyote that we are providing. It cures sickness amongst a lot of people like cancer, colds, covid. This is what the conference we are building up for coming up soon in 3 weeks. We are preparing ourselves. We asked a few departments. Anything that you guys inquire to us, assisting of donations would be appreciated. The main thing that we provided was the medicine, the tobacco and what we can for the conference to get it going. Like I said, I appreciate your guys' time, your well being of our update on what we are doing with this medicine. Like I said, it's for everybody. It's for people who need it for sickness, colds, flu. It cures sickness and it provides the needs of medicine. What we use it for. We use it for a powder, liquid, tea. You can heat it up, boil it. You can partake it. It cures good colds, sinuses, flu, corona. It cures pretty much, it helps what we do with our way of life with this medicine. During our conference, beforehand, we are doing a guard dance at Birney hall on Friday night. We are doing it out of, kind of rebuilding what we did to get this medicine, so we are doing a benefit dance amongst what we did for raising what we did as a chapter for this medicine. We are doing this gourd dance at Birney the night before. We are raising money for next years conference for next years donations for our conference for this medicine to provide for the people. This gourd dance is going on. They're just asking any assistance that if you guys can donate or have a time to come see, come support or see the gourd dance going. I believe that we have a gourd dance singer. We have a couple head staff coming along with this gourd dance that is going to happen on Friday night, I believe the 27th on Friday. We asked a few volunteers. This chapter, alone, what we are doing, it's volunteer basis. We're not really getting paid for what we're doing. We're doing pretty much in volunteering our time for the people and for our own doing. We're fixing up for the prayer for this medicine for the people with their needs. Our update of requirement of the conference is we're doing a gourd dance to self-fundraise for next year's benefit conference. Then we're having the main conference on Saturday night on the 28th. That is where we'll provide that medicine that we got from New Mexico. In Mexico, Morando City.

PATRICIA TALAWYMA: We would just like to thank you guys for your time and patience for allowing us to come in here and give you guys an update. We would like to invite you guys all over to attend or just come and sit and listen in on the meetings. That's pretty much the update on NAC Chapter.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you guys.

COUNCILWOMAN SPOTTEDHORSE: Thank you.

ITEM #12 – CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION ACT

COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE: This is a contract with the Sheward Partnership. They were selected by EPD. This will help us with developing our priority Climate Action Plan which is due the first quarter of 2024 and we want to be able to get that done as soon as possible because there's three hundred million dollars set aside for Tribes alone and this would really help us in getting that funding. This is a resolution authorizing a contract with the Sheward Partnership to assist with fulfillment of the climate pollution reduction grant.

WHEREAS, as contemplated by the Grant, the Environmental Protection Department will need to hire a consultant to assist with the creation of the Climate Action Plan and the Environmental Protection Department has identified The Sheward Partnership as a competent and skilled consultant to assist;

WHEREAS, The Sheward Partnership’s charges will be fully funded by the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funding that has been received by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that because of the specialized nature of the unique professional services provided by The Sheward Partnership and the fast-approaching grant deliverable deadlines, it is in the Tribe’s best interest to deviate from the regular procurement process under Section 1(A)(3) of the Procurement and Purchasing Manual and hire The Sheward Partnership; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby deviates from the regular procurement process to hire The Sheward Partnership to assist with the Climate Pollution Reduction Act Grant; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Tribal President, with the assistance of the Environmental Protection Department and Tribal Attorney, is authorized and directed to create and sign a contract to hire The Sheward Partnership, consistent with its proposal, to assist with the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. That is my motion.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE SHEWARD PARTNERSHIP TO ASSIST WITH FULFILLMENT OF THE CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT AND ALSO TO DEVIATE FROM THE REGULAR PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

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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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

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			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:27 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstention on this 2nd day of January 2024.



Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe