

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

SPECIAL SESSION

MINUTES

November 28, 2023

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

INVOCATION: Eva Foote

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear <i>*by telephone</i>	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau		X	X
Eva Foote	X		
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 <i>*by telephone</i>	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	9	3	

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: We have a zoom meeting today with Beth. Everyone should have gotten an email from Brian that he is on vacation so if we need anybody to talk it will be Wyatt or Beth.

ITEM #1– MONTANA’S MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: A resolution supporting the State of Montana’s Medicaid State Plan Amendment making the Tribal Health Improvement Program permanent. The 5th whereas.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe has participated in the Montana Medicaid Tribal Health Improvement Program since 2019 and finds that the program has significantly benefitted tribal members participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe desires to continue participation in the Tribal Health Improvement Program and to expand to Tiers 2 and 3 in future years; and

WHEREAS, the current authority for the Tribal Health Improvement Program is under a section 1115 waiver with the Centers for Medicaid Services (“CMS”) which is set to expire in June 2024, and the State of Montana is planning to propose to CMS a State Plan Amendment making the Tribal Health Improvement Plan a permanent program in order to avoid disruption of services and loss of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe would like the Tribal Health Improvement Program to continue without interruption or loss of reimbursement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby support the Montana Medicaid plan to propose to CMS a State Plan Amendment that would include making the Tribal Health Improvement Program permanent.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
SUPPORTING THE STATE OF MONTANA’S MEDICAID STATE PLAN
AMENDMENT MAKING THE TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PERMANENT**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #2– RATES FOR GRAZING ON TRIBAL LANDS 2024-2028

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: He wanted to just rescind the resolution.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: In the last council meeting we passed a resolution approving the grazing rate so we'd like to disregard that resolution and present this ordinance of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving and authorizing a 4-year grazing permit at the rate of \$12.00 on tribal lands. The permit period is February 15th 2024 through February 14th, 2028. Therefore, be it ordained that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves and authorizes 4-year grazing permits. Be it further ordained that the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe sets forth this ordinance and can only be rescinded or repealed only by affirmation vote of eight members of the Tribal Council. That's my motion.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A 4 YEAR GRAZING PERMIT.

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			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:19 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 9 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstention on this 20th day of February 2024.



Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe