

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

December 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Littlemouth, Sr. called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

INVOCATION: Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau <i>*arrived @ 9:12 a.m</i>		X	
Eva Foote	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President		X	Travel
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse <i>*arrived @ 9:34 a.m</i>		X	
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	9	3	1

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: Colleagues, President, or Mr. Vice-President, Madam Secretary. I just wanted to take a few minutes this morning to express my gratitude to the council, to the Tribe, itself. The trial that took place in Billings last week, or through the weekend, and the beginning of last week, Dean Smith was found guilty of 4 of the 5 counts. I want thank you guys on behalf of the victims, on behalf of the families, for taking action when we did. It was a big decision to take action and banish him from the Northern Cheyenne reservation before he was charged with a crime. We did that because we wanted the victims to know that we were here for them. They did not have to be silent anymore. From here on out, that's the way it's going to be. If you are a victim, of anything of that kind, come forward. Do not fear. We are here for you and we're not going away. We are going to heal our people. So, I just wanted to take the time and express that to you guys. I appreciate it. I know each and everyone of us has a story, a

horror story, of generational trauma. I'm proud of this Tribe for doing that. I'm proud of that and I want to thank you guys. So, thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you Torrie. Any other announcements? I know we have some events going on throughout the weekend. The Busby pow wow. I'm pretty sure everyone already did their toys except Busby. Right?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Parade of lights.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Parade of lights on Friday. The Santa run is on Friday. There is that thing the extension is doing.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Oh yeah, the parade of lights is on Friday.

COUNCILWOMAN LONBEAR: Next Thursday and Friday is our strategic planning so whatever we need copies of, whatever we want to review and make changes, we need to get copies made so send your lists to Alicia and we'll get it all.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: The toys for tots for Busby will be in the next couple of days. I have to find a place to distribute them and also find some help. I just came down here and got the toys yesterday. They're in a cargo trailer at my house. So, it'll be within the next couple of days and I'll have an announcement made for that.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. Just a recommendation, the students at St. Labre, they have need works of mercy hours. So, if there's some students from your area or you could even call Labre.

COUCNILMAN DAVIE: After this council meeting, I was actually going to go to the school and talk to the people at the school and see if I could get some students to help.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Plus, if you have a contact for that, they could help with the Parade of Lights too.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Yeah. I do have a contact and I'll share that information.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: They can help with all those books over there. Human Services is going to take some.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. Any other announcements?

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: Excuse me Sergeant of Arms, Mellissa. I have Major Robinson wanting an update by zoom if we could add that.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: So, I just spoke with him right before the council meeting. They're talking more about doing an update after the event.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: That sounds good.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Yeah, because he is traveling right now.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. So, we got that taken care of?

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Yeah.

ITEM #1 – ELDERLY

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT: The elderly commission has 2 job openings. We did do interviews and screen for admin assistant. We are still looking for a janitor/driver. The heat is fixed. They now have heat. The freezer was also fixed. It went out again. It's working now. They need budgets passed that aren't passed yet. They have an angel tree. They still have about 15 elders that are asking for wishes. It goes on community connections. They keep it updated of who still wants something and they are just suggestions of what the elders are asking for but really, they'll take just about anything. They only got one coat for the coat drive. The biggest thing is they have carryover money in a couple of grants, especially the care giver grant but they are having trouble spending the money. They have like over \$30,000 that they need to spend by April and they are having trouble spending it because the accountant doesn't agree and so it just goes back and forth and it doesn't get spent. They weren't able to order food because of the budgets. Those are things that we need help with down there at the Elderly Program is getting that money spent. It has to be spent or it's going to get sent back and our deadline, I believe, is April of 2024. The thing that I came across, personally, was I had an elder call to the program next to me, LIHEAP, because they needed help paying for lights because their rent was raised. I talked to another person, who also said their rent was raised to \$1,600.00 for a 2-bedroom apartment through Housing Authority. I don't think that's a good thing. I think it should be capped at something and fair market value. Are those units at fair market value? Are they maintained? You know, a lot of them haven't been redone. They are the same units. They've been re, like windows fixed and stuff like that. They've been painted. For me, working in housing, I believe that we should remodel stuff instead of just fixing it. I mean, take it apart and rebuild it. Make it better. Make it green. Make it more efficient. A lot of these people that are in these units, their light bills are like \$500 and then you're raising the rent even more. How are they going to afford that? How is that going to benefit Housing Authority. How is it going to benefit the Tribe? The people that live here. Because they have to pay more money. Where is this money coming from? I'm a single, full-time working grandmother of 4. I have 4 different schedules plus my own schedule. I have 4 people to take care of. Imagine someone who's older than me that has to do the same thing. How are they going to do that? I have trouble doing that. Raising 4 kids, one with autism, I had to learn how to juggle. Imagine grandparents that, what resources do they have? Winter's coming. Do we know where these elders are? Do we know which ones need help? Do we know how to get them help? Where's these resources because down at the complex, I don't know what these resources are. I can't tell the elders, oh, you need to go over here and they'll help you. You need to come over here and we'll help you. I don't know what to tell people. All I can do is listen and all I can do is tell you that these things are out there and people are struggling. Yeah, a lot of people are used to getting things for free but now, where's this going to come from? How are we going to help? So, those are some of the

things that I have questions about. I don't know how many elders are in Lane Deer District. That's something that I should know but I don't know because I haven't met them all. I want to say that I appreciate the Council for the toy drive, my grand kids loved it. Lane Deer District did a good job. From the pictures, all the other Districts did pretty good, as well. So, I want to say thank you for that. I think that we need to make some changes and we need to do what we say we are going to do. Make the elders a priority and let's help them. What do they need? I don't know how to get out to talk to all of them but I try to volunteer down at the Elderly Program as much as I can whenever they need anything. That's how I ended up on this commission because I was always down there doing whatever and whenever. They need help with delivering food so if you guys ever want something to do, call them. They'll put you to work. Right now, we probably need help with whatever we're doing for Christmas. If you guys look on the website, pick a snowflake and get an elder a gift. I'm sure they'll appreciate it. That's all I have. Thank you.

ITEM #2 – DISTRICT UPDATES

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, there was an agenda request from Amanda. It wasn't signed off on because the Council does not recognize anyone as the district chair. What it boils down to is, it's not up to the Council to recognize anyone. It's up to the district to, and I've explained this to Amanda. The only person I probably haven't talked to is Vernon. What we need is for everyone to come together in one room. I tried to talk to the other Lane Deer reps. This was a while back. We're just trying to get this room scheduled for everybody to come in one room to get it figured out but Amanda reminded me that we are not to get involved in district business and we're not supposed to but at the same time, our membership is being deprived of their resources and we get medical, we get funeral requests every day. Every day, people need help. I don't know what else to, what else we can do. The operations are so terrible. Any one of you could call a meeting and get 10 people. I mean, it's ridiculous and right now our people are suffering.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I just wanted to say that the agenda request wasn't signed off on because we were told that same thing. That the council shouldn't be involved therefore it doesn't belong on the council floor. It needs to be resolved outside of the council floor. That's why the agenda request never got the signatures. So, it's not that the council doesn't recognize.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I signed it because I wanted to, at least, here this and for it to be.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Can we motion to add it onto the agenda.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I wouldn't say that we need to add it on. I just need to encourage everyone to come together. I mean, the majority, I think would be willing. If there's 2 people that refuse, then I don't know what steps you guys can take. It shouldn't go to the Court. It shouldn't go to the President and it shouldn't go to finance and it shouldn't come to us.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I think people should start worrying about their fellow community members, really. At some point this should be criminal. There is no reason why. I mean,

councilwoman Charette mentioned to us at the beginning that at the end of October that the new council that came in had spent more on charity than we had in one year that she had in her entire 8 or 7 years on council. Why? Is because the Lame Deer District funds have been frozen? For how long now? 3 years. It's ridiculous. If we can't do anything about this then you guys need to. The public needs to. You need to call a meeting, get people together, get the whole community together and vote a district chair, vice-chair. Vote your positions because the whole community is suffering. Lame Deer, the biggest community on the reservation, the biggest district hasn't been able to use their funds from their district for 3 years now. Except for one-time, last Christmas, when they gave money out to everyone and I mean, got crucified for it.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Well, the stupid thing with that whole situation is we, and I pushed for it. I pushed for the money to be released and it was released. Then the district said they didn't like how someone signed off on stuff so it was at their request that it be frozen.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: At the beginning when I started being the district of Ashland, I didn't really understand why there needed to be a general chair but now I do. I do see, you know, that there was a reason why there was a general chair where Tim Lamewoman was the general chair. He kind of kept order among the district chairs and district business. I made that recommendation. I talked to Kristi and Kristina and Maryann about that. I made that recommendation. Why don't all the district chairs come together and elect a general chair. That general chair can take care of this issue that Lame Deer district is having so that this issue can be resolved.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: No. No. And that wasn't Timmy's role. Timmy's role was to get information out. We had like a few general district meetings which was just like a listening session between the Tribal Council and the communities.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: Can I intervene for a minute.

NELLIE WHITESHIELD: I'd like to say something. Not to long ago, I was put in as general chair and to this date I still am the general chair. I go visit all these 5 districts. Not one of you have I seen you guys over there to support your districts. I try to write down everything as to what's going over there. All 5 districts I went to. Now, you're talking about the general chair. I was elected in as the general chair when I stepped down as the Lame Deer District chair. I was the Lame Deer District chair for 18 years and I stepped down. If you guys got something to say, say it to me. I'm standing right here.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Go ahead.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: I was approached by some of the council. I was approached by some of the district. I did my best to try to look at the plan of operations and all the actions that were taken in the past. I tried to help the district the best that I could, you know, with the knowledge that I have. The plan of operations for Lame Deer district say the meetings are every second Monday of every month. That wasn't being followed. There're 3 factions of Lame Deer district that claim to be chair but nobody was having meetings. There was a long period of time where nobody had any meetings. The one thing that I noticed in all the minutes. I went through

all the minutes. There was one thing that was missing and that was the proper removal of the prior chairs. I went to a regular scheduled meeting and I tried to help figure this out. To the best of my knowledge, following the plan of operation, I had asked the district, at that time, you guys need to go through this process. You need to make motions to remove former chairs, vice chairs, everything. At the bottom of it, just like the constitution, district decisions shall be final. So, they had a quorum and they were all there to meet. They were all there to discuss it. They had made motions to remove the former chairman, vice chair, all of that. They made another motion to recognize Amanda. I made that motion to recognize Amanda because the tribe, like you said, had recognized her signature in the month of December 2022. So, I wanted to exclude all the drama that was going on. All these factions, you know. This chair, this chair, this chair, you know. With all due respect to the general chair, when you were selected to be the chair, there wasn't exactly a quorum there. So, I mean, we'll go back to square one. You said it best, council, the tribal government should not get involved in district affairs. This needs to be handled out there. I think for the most part, up to this point, it's been handled. Amanda was the district chair. Now, if there's any other problems or discrepancies, then they need to come to the next meeting and do the proper removal and the proper this and proper that. I understand what you're going to say. You properly removed her, I mean, you legally removed her but then it goes back to, okay who was the real district chair? Let me finish.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: hold on.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: let me finish. I mean, I'm not discrediting what you did. what you did and what they followed the book. They followed everything but the minutes that they keep in finance, none of that stuff is in there. You know, there was a complaint filed. A removal complaint file by Kristina and there was no action taken on that. There's all these complaints and stuff but that's why we're in the situation that we're in right now. Right now let's go back to square one. Let's dissolve this forum of leadership within the community and then guys can come back and refile all your stuff. Make it legal, legit, everything. If you guys have a problem with Amanda being in charge, go to the next meeting and start there because I think at this point it's been resolved. The money should be able to go to the community and if people don't like how it's being spent than bring it up at the next district meeting but it don't belong here.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: That's right.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: These guys here, they have bigger things to deal with than our little problems at the community. Right now, I mean, I know what you're gonna say. You're gonna you're gonna challenge everything that I just said but it don't belong here. Bring it to the next community meeting. I asked you guys to show up

NELLIE WHITESHIELD: It doesn't matter

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: Wait. Wait. Wait. Let me finish. Let me finish.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Hold on. Hold on Nellie.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: let me finish. I listen to you.

NELLIE WHITESHIELD: No, you never.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: Yes, I did.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Nellie, let him finish please.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: So, I mean, that's all I'm saying. Bring your issues to the district meeting. No matter how much we sit here and argue and cuss each other out, this body here, shouldn't be here.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: We don't have the power to do anything, nothing about the districts.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you. Thank you.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: That's as far as I've been.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: I know I probably hurt some feelings but that's my interpretation of the plan of operations.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. Thank you.

DANA EAGLEFEATHERS: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We'll go on to the next item. Budgets.

ITEM #3 – BUDGETS

KRISTI HARRIS: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available funds.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Reservation pursuant to the Amended Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 31, 1996: and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has under Article IV, Section 1., (f) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws, the power to make expenditures from available funds when authorized by resolution adopted in legal session of the Tribal Council and properly described by the budgeting process, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to make certain expenditures from those funds, and the Budget Finance Committee of the Tribal Council with recommendation by the Administration or Competent Board has considered such budget modification requests, now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the following budgets to be enacted or modified and approves the contemplated

expenditures contained in the presented budgets, subject to the listed conditions, restrictions or constraints:

Program Budgets FY 2024

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
850C	GOVT SERVICES	\$ 2,607,620.68
050	INDIRECT COST POOL	\$ 3,957,231.00

**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			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Program Budgets FY 2024

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
850C	GOVT SERVICES	\$ 2,565,486.00
050	INDIRECT COST POOL	\$ 3,844,924.00

**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 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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to make certain expenditures from those funds, and the Budget Finance Committee of the Tribal Council with recommendation by the Administration or Competent Board has considered such budget modification requests, now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the following budgets to be enacted or modified and approves the contemplated expenditures contained in the presented budgets, subject to the listed conditions, restrictions or constraints:

Program Budgets FY 2023

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
318A	Childcare Admin Discretionary	\$ 114,180.66
318	Childcare Discretionary Non Dept.	\$ 923,825.34
786	NC Court	\$ 883,137.00
316	Childcare Mandatory-Non Dept.	\$ 269,857.15
316A	Childcare Admin	\$ 47,621.85
718	Talen Energy	\$ 969,975.00
596	EPD	\$ 156,492.00
580	EPA	\$1,701,135.00
823	Higher Education	\$ 552,053.48
356	NEW	\$ 59,456.00
840B	BIA-ARPA	\$ 309,090.00
323-999	LIHEAP	\$ 163,549.00
323-999	LIHEAP	\$ 418,846.00
622	LIHEAP	\$ 12,564.00

622A	LIHEAP	\$ 1,394.10
775	DES Hazard Mitigation	\$ 119,154.20
814	Job Placement and Training	\$ 142,109.51
794	JOM	\$ 94,139.84
840L	ARPA 638 Land Authority Board	\$ 309,090.00
323A	LIHEAP	\$ 53,250.00
323A	LIHEAP	\$ 20,395.00
116	Rosebud Lodge	\$ 328,213.47
917	Human Services	\$ 40,000.00
429	EDA	\$ 25,000.00
124	Tribal Court	\$ 442,970.42
331A	AFA Carryover	\$ 7,246,274.89

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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			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: White River Community Solar Project update. They have a power point that we are trying to get the screen working. I would like to make a motion or I'd like to move them down to right before 15. So, we can get their technical stuff taken care of. So, we will go ahead and move down to item #5.

ITEM #5 – BIA CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE (CLEO)

JOHN GRINSELL: Good morning. We are applying for a grant for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, conservation law enforcement officer. This is a \$50,000 dollar grant. \$50,000 dollars a year for 5 years to try to provide for a conservation officer. The resolution you have before you is a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing submission of an application

for funding to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by Northern Cheyenne Investigative Services for the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizes submission and support of the BIA Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) application to the BIA under the FY '24 BIA CLEO competition.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE
 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS BY NORTHERN CHEYENNE INVESTIGATIVE
 SERVICES FOR THE CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CLEO)**

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				
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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VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.: What's the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer? What's the duties?

JOHN GRINSELL: What's he going to do?

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLE MOUTH, SR.: Yeah.

JOHN GRINSELL: We have some laws on the books right now. It's called spotlighting. So, he'll patrol the reservation for spotlighting along with our other conservation officer. We're trying to implement a citation process so if anybody is caught out there, they will be cited to appear in court if they are spotlighting. Right now, we are waiting for the Natural Resources Program to finish up on the regulations. They're supposed to take the regulations out to the districts and inform the districts about the regulations. Once the regulations are passed by you guys then we'll enforce those regulations that you guys set forward. That's what we're doing. Right now, we have a budget. Our budget is going to be to try to hire one more additional person and send them to the academy and get them trained. Trained up to be a Law Enforcement Officer, Conservation Law Enforcement Officer. Game warden.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: That's something like what Scott Small is doing, right?

JOHN GRINSELL: Yeah. That's what we have right now. I think the hope is to set a hunting season for however long you guys want a hunting season. Whatever regulations you guys pass, we will enforce.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Alright. Thank you.

ITEM #6 – MORNING STAR PEOPLE PROJECT

ROSALIA BADHORSE: Good day everybody. My name is Rosalia Badhorse. So, we just wanted to bring up the Morning Star People Project partnership between Chief Dull Knife College and MSU Billings. This lady, named Dr. Elaine Westbrook, she is a STEM Professor at MSU and she teaches astronomy. She approached Dull Knife wanting to record Cheyenne Star stories. So, the project that we have proposed here, it's already being paid for by MSU Billings. It's just, I guess, seeking your approval to proceed with it because the stories that are to be recorded will be made publicly available through some of the local schools.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Are you recommending that we approve it.

ROSALIA BADHORSE: I would recommend it. The main consultant that we have is Wallace Bearchum and working with the Cultural Commission from the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office. They were all for it. They did put some parameters on it saying that these stories should only be told at night time. So that's the parameter that MSU Billings is going to honor. They said that if any school, because what all schools will need to do is put in a request to MSU and these stories can be shared but it has to be at night time. It's part of this project with MSU that they recently got a portable planetarium. So, whenever they put up the planetarium it has to go inside like a gymnasium type, I don't know, we're kind of questioning if it would fit in here. I guess, it's kind of big. This portable planetarium, it'll have like a projector that will tell the stories of whoever we record. So far, I think, they're only planning to record 4 stories. Maybe 5. Some of them are trickster stories from what we've been just kind of discussing. So, when we had talked with Wallace about it, he kind of seem for it. It's supposed to be educational. So, when the stories are being cited, there will also be like a, the two I'd seen, kind of like Cheyenne knowledge with Western knowledge. They'll also tell, like the western perspective, on what these different constellations are along with the Cheyenne perspective. So, yeah, that's kind of what it looks like. It's meant to be educational. The lady, Celine Westbrook, that's been working with us, she's been really supportive about trying to get more children interested in the STEM fields. So, this is kind of like another way of trying to get kids interested in science. Also, kind of like embracing the idea that native knowledge can coincide with scientific knowledge.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: I'll second.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I have a recommendation. What I would like to do is re-write the last part of the therefore be it resolved to say the tribal council hereby approves consent for Chief Dull Knife College and Montana State University to help the Northern Cheyenne contribute their oral stories to a planetarium video to preserve the Cheyenne language and cultural tradition and to proceed with this worthy project to benefit present and future generations.

ROSALIA BAD HORSE: Ok.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Are you OK with that?

ROSALIA BAD HORSE: Yes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROVIDING CONSENT TO CONDUCT THE STARS & STORIES; NORTHERN CHEYENNE, THE MORNING STAR PEOPLE PROJECT.

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #7 – PRO TEM JUDGE APPOINTMENT

J. DAVID ROUNDSTONE: Good morning. Good morning to the tribal council our vice president secretary here just a resolution to appoint a pro Pam judge of the judge is a friend Anderson and in your packets I'm sure you have a profile of the of the recommended I'm sure you could probably just go through it is that tourney I don't know how much you want me to go through this from the University of Montana School of Law

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We don't need to go through hers. If you just want to present the resolution.

J. DAVID ROUNDSTONE: You want me to read the whole resolution?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: You could read the top heading and then probably like the fourth whereas.

J. DAVID ROUNDSTONE: This is a resolution providing for appointment of Frans Anderson As Pro Tem Judge. Therefore, be it resolved as follows, the tribal council hereby concurs in the appointment of Franz Anderson as Pro Tem Judge, subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions; the Tribal President must certify, by use of the attached form, that the candidate possesses the qualifications for appointment as Judge Pro Tem set forth in section 8.1 of the Separation of Powers Ordinance; the Tribal President, in consultation with the Tribal Court, the Tribal Treasurer and the Tribal Attorney, must negotiate with each of the Pro Tem Judge candidates certified under ¶ 1.a above a Contract for Services as Judge Pro Tem and, upon the successful negotiation of such a Contract, the Tribal President and the candidate shall enter into the Contract. Each appointment as Judge Pro Tem shall become effective upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in ¶¶ 1.a and b above, and thereafter the individual shall continue to serve as a Judge Pro Tem until either the Tribal President with the concurrence of the Tribal Council elects to remove him as Judge Pro Tem with or without cause in accordance with section 16.1 of the Separation of Powers Ordinance, or Mr. Andersson elects to resign as Judge Pro Tem.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF FRANS ANDERSSON AS JUDGE PRO TEM FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE COURT.

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Just a reminder, for this one, whenever Serena gets the certification done, just keep a copy to attached to the resolution.

ITEM #8 – YELLOWSTONE BUFFALO ACCEPTANCE

BRANDON SMALL: Good morning everyone. So, I got a resolution here requesting transfer of Yellowstone buffalo to the tribal herd. **WHEREAS**, the Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) has offered to transfer 35 Yellowstone buffalo from Fort Peck’s quarantine program to the Tribe to strengthen the Tribe’s herd; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Tribe promises to adhere to the requirements of accepting Yellowstone buffalo set forth in the ITBC’s Surplus Buffalo Policy and prohibits any intentional killing, hunting or commercialization of the Yellowstone buffalo as outlined in ITBC policy,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal President, Tribal staff and buffalo herd management staff to take all steps necessary to implement and execute this resolution, including providing ITBC with necessary documents regarding the buffalo herd management program and incorporating the Yellowstone buffalo into the Tribal herd.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL REQUESTING TRANSFER OF YELLOWSTONE BUFFALO TO TRIBAL HERD

Motion made by Torrey Davie. 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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #4 – WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

SONNY BRAIDEDHAIR: DOE WRCS project Northern Cheyenne Tribal Residential Solar Program. With me today is Danica Brady. She’s our solar program associate. I am the assistant project manager. The Lead Strategist and Cofounder couldn't make it in today so it'll just be us 2 today. We’ll be answering any questions after the presentation. Anything technical, we're happy to jot down and get the most accurate information. Right now, we're just going to do a broad overview of the project. So, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Residential Solar Program or NCTRSP is in its final stages. 15 of the residential solar or residential rays have been installed. Here we got Mike Bearcomesout’s backdrop. Right now, where the project lands is, a majority of the houses have permission to turn on. I believe three are going through the final inspection stage. As far as electrical and mechanical components, everything's been installed. So, that's

like the inverter, the modules, the foundation and such. I'm working closely with the contractor now to finish up the punch list and that's just a few small items that they've kind of left over for the ground crew to take care of. Danica and I have been working closely with the contractor on the ground level and guiding them through our cultural and tradition calls. It was a big help for the contractor. They came down here not knowing what they were going to get into but we helped them kind of, I guess, navigate the reservation and all the topography that we have here. Training and employment. 3 tribal members went through the training. It's a two-week training that was kind of wrapped around the WRS or the NCTRSP program. How we did that was we just kind of put out a flyer and then anybody that was interested was able to come along. We helped them through the hiring process with all the forms, all the sign up through the TERO regulations and such. We have a really good relationship with TERO and also understanding their protocols to getting employees from the reservation. So, 8 of the 13 that went through the two-week training were hired on to continue the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Residential Program. From there, 5 of the 8 we're hired on to work with them out in the field. I think there's some that are in Maine right now, Cleveland OH and I believe they went to like Texas or somewhere installing these similar systems. So, that was probably the biggest feat of this all was seeing tribal members coming in, not knowing what they were going to get into. At the end of it all, be basically professionals to the point where the contractor hired them on fully to work out there in the field. Now they're actually at the point where they're sending back some of the, well I shouldn't call them trainees, the employees, to work and finish the list. So, there's pretty cool things going on out there in the field. Overall, how much the trainees will install, we're going into the stallers. There're 600 modules. That's quite a bit of work out there. They work through rain. They work through sleep. They work through just about everything and they did it all with a smile on the face. That was probably the biggest take away from this that I saw was that they enjoyed it and the renewable energies could take them. So, with the final stages, the contractor will be doing a pass off, where they hand over all the documentation for the tribe to basically take over all of the regulatory measures for maintenance and repairs, as well as the product information and warranties initial designs and what was built. As what we're calling them. Some of them did defer out there, not by much, but the documentation is gonna hold that. So, whatever was changed out there, as far as what the initial design was, without having. Of course, there was approval first but that will also have that information in there. Product warranty, we are working with Eleece. I think it's Eleece Lei who's in property, I believe. We're working with her to get all the information from the warranty because every component that was installed comes with a certain year warranty. Like 25 years on the modules and five years on the inverter and some odd years. Well, it's pretty long. It's going to last in life with these systems before they have to decommission them. Another thing that we're doing, as part of the DOE regulations, is that they want to have visibility of the production of these systems for at least one year. So, what we're doing at Indigenized Energy is, we are working on navigating the emporium monitoring systems. Those go right into the electrical. We'll be able to see their energy consumption within the house. So, like refrigerators, ranges, heating elements and like hot water heater. That's all in efforts to help the participant energy education. So, they'll be able to view it, see it and you know. They'll even give you like a notification saying that your range was left on or your lights were left on. So, that's kind of an added piece there. Alongside of that we will be able to see the energy consumption as a part of the DOE regulations.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Question. Those as built designs, will they be given to the participants or to your office?

SONNY BRAIDED HAIR: I believe, right now, it's to be handed over directly just to the tribe. Is that something that we want to kind of include there for the participants so they have documentation with that. I'll write that down.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: It should, probably, like with the Renewable Energy program, right?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: With the director.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Yeah.

SONNY BRAIDED HAIR: A little piece with the important monitoring system is ----- are working closely with the monitoring system. So, before we hand over any information on the monitor we want to make sure that the participants understand the monitoring capabilities. So, that would be kind of like energy education. Also support with navigating the application itself. Just to finish up the little piece on my end. Through the process of getting trainees and to the point of employment has been, probably, the highlight of all of this is. We understand that there's not a whole lot of opportunities that are here on reservation and that's where we really just find the most joy in this all is seeing. I was just part of it as much as any one of them coming on new standing over solar and all the capabilities that it could do. The council took a few of them down to the Red Cloud Renewable Energy Training Center. Awesome place. Feels like going to grandma and grandpas. They have like ham and bean stew. They have like spam and egg sandwiches in the morning. So, it's really kind of like home. But that's also going to be a continuation and I would really like to work with TERO to set up, you know, some kind of relationship there. That's where we really, initially, started off it off was trying to identify all the things that TERO would do in order to create this relationship. So, I've been working with the Director and then also the Director of TERO and RCR to kind of create that relationship. So, hopefully in the future we'll see a lot more individual going down to this training. It's a long training. The one thing that we did at Indigenized Energy was we matched the, I guess, wage loss. So, if there's any individual that will need to step away from work, we'll help them, support them through start to finish. So, that's travel, that's lodging. Well, everything's pretty much provided down there. As far as transportation, we're happy to help out with that.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Have you done any recruiting at the high school?

SONNY BRAIDED HAIR: Not yet. For right now, we're kind of focused on anyone over the age of 18. And that's more kind of like you know there is talk and I think the contractor even went to some schools to kind of showcase all the stuff that they were doing. So, it is in the works. So, if you don't have any more questions for me

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Are there batteries in the home then that that it converts into or is it just straight storage.

SONNY BRAIDED HAIR: These systems are what we're calling hybrid systems. They have the capability of putting on batteries later on. However, with the DOE, I guess, the grant that was awarded, it doesn't allow for batteries at the moment and time but there's something in the works that's going to address that. Silver can talk a little more about that.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Ok.

COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE: The FEMA grant.

SONNY BRAIDED HAIR: Well, if there's no other questions for me, I'll hand it over to Danica.

DANICA BRADY: Good morning. My name is Danica Brady. I'm from Busby. I'm going to talk to you about the participant agreements. Is anyone in here familiar with it? So, what it is, is it lays out the roles and the responsibilities of each entity that is involved. So, the Tribe, the participant warranties. Just things like that. It's basically the contract between the Tribe and the participants. Right now, I have all the participants signatures. I have their secondary signatures. I have a few cases where I have housing signature because they still own their own their home. The next step would be to get someone from the Tribe to sign them and then they're all done. I can get them scanned and distributed however. So, kind of putting that on your radar. Does anybody have any questions about that?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, can we get a link or a paper application for new participants?

DANICA BRADY: Ok. That there, we're going to cover here in a little bit. Ok, this part here has been on everyone's mind, the application. So, we did streamline the application. The only questions that are really being asked on there is the stuff that we use through the selection criteria. The approve selection criteria that was passed back in January. That criteria alleviates biasness. So, we have a little filter tool; click a button, sorts everybody where they need to be. It's all beginning to end. So, it's just a little bit of what we're going to go over. Hopefully, by the end of this, we have you guys on board. So, application updates, you know, streamlined. We have a new way of tracking it. It's more for the back-end part of it because I do all of that. This is just a snapshot of the updated app. We have a digital one, a paper app. So, when the time comes they're ready to go. But, I do know that we need approval from the Tribe and also the DOE budget modifications, that those are approved before these can be live. That's a little snapshot of the tool that we'll be using. It should all be easier to update everybody on everything. The selection criteria. Does it sound familiar to anybody? If not, it's ok. It's been a long year. We've all been through a lot. So, what it is is it basically lays out. So, there's a series of weighted scoring rubric. I just say, you know, it's a cool thing that helps us sort everything. So, the first and foremost because this program is prioritizing holders. The first thing that's weighed is their age. So, oldest to youngest. As far as I know, there is no age limit. So, I want everybody to apply when the time comes. It evenly distributes the arrays within the districts so

no districts are going to be forgotten. So, I know sometimes Birney gets left out. Sometimes muddy gets left out. But this is going to help alleviate that. Well, it does already. If you drive around the reservation you'll see a few in each district. Pretty cool stuff. The rollout plan is, first and foremost, are getting the approvals and then promotion. Promotion of the project. One of the things that I didn't know was that the tribe was looking into solar. That's when I got hired on with Indigenous Energy. So, promotion for me is hug because how can we get applicants if no one knows. Speaking of applicants. We are shooting to get a minimum of 136 people on. That's just a number that was calculated based on how many people I have spoken with to get the final 15 that were installed. So, there's people who didn't keep in contact. There's people who I could not find. I spent months finding these people. Also, other things like, there was a lady who had applied but she didn't have any utilities hooked up to her home. That's one of the things that's needed for a grid pad ground mounted solar array. So, there's some things.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Have you had or any of the 15, did they previously have solar panels. I know there was a project out of, I think it was out of South Dakota to that came. I have one on my house that was installed. It doesn't have any kind of storage store or anything. It's just that plug it in the wall and it only works if the sun is directly on the panel. But, were there any other homes that had those?

DANICA BRADY: To my knowledge, no. All the ones that I've spoken to, this is the first time. Super excited about it. Huge arrays. Did you guys get a chance to look at them? They're like 7 to me across. We do have like a QR code for application and stuff. There's a line through it cause it's not live yet. If I can get everyone's help in promoting this, that'd be great. I know that we don't have the application approved yet but I do have an interest form. I'm taking down names, numbers, emails, what type of application they want because I know there's still some individuals who like paper applications. So, I'm trying to accommodate everybody. That's my thought process behind that. I do have some cards if you guys want some cards or you can take a picture of it. It's up to you guys.

VICE-PRESIDENT WETHERELT: So, this is for the homeowners? What about the ones that pay for rent?

DANICA BRADY: It's for everyone. We have some. We have the Housing Authority that's on board. We have some that are rent to own. So, it's a possibility for everyone.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: Ok.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: So, say somebody's renting right now. So, it would go through the housing authorities? The one who's going to be applying for the solar arrays on the place so that those people wouldn't be excluded if they were to become owner homeowners. They would be able to get their own and still do that or put in applications?

DANICA BRADY: So, the way that the power purchase agreement is set up is that you have your landlord, you have the person who is the power purchaser. So, that's the person who's on the electricity bill and their secondary. So, the landlord for housing, they'd be the ones to sign there and the person who's in the residence. Sometimes it's not the homeowner. Sometimes it's,

you know, someone else who lives in the household. So, we've taken that into consideration. So, when they become homeowners, the contract moves with them.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: Awesome. Thank you.

SONNY BRAIDED HAIR: I think a couple key highlights of this program is that the contractor really took into consideration of the comfort and which of the elders. They really relied on us, as a team, for the ground level stuff and helping them navigate through, which they adhere to 100%. I highly recommend freedom forever to anybody who wants to go solar. Not only that, employment. They really do take good care of their employees. I think they said if they want to go mini golfing all they have to do is send in an e-mail and Freedom Forever will get them set up. So, they're not only taking care of our elderly, they're also taking care of our younger age community members. I think the youngest on their team right now is 19. So, a lot more jobs to come. A lot more opportunities and more Solar's on the way.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Thank you.

DANICA BRADY: We're going to be shooting for 60 starting this spring time. If you know anyone interested, give them my number or have them send me an e-mail. I've had people find me on Facebook. I can go over and give them dates and everything too and add them to the list.

SONNY LITTLE EAGLE: Silver will help you get us in connection with you.

ITEM #9 – 638 RANGE

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's intent to enter into a Public Law 93-638 Self Determination Contract with the United States Government to administer the Agriculture Program on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation for FY 2024 and subsequent years.

WHEREAS; Public Law 100-472, the "Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments of 1988" includes Agriculture and Range Resources Management as a contractible program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS; it is the policy of the United States Government to support and assist Indian Tribes in the development of strong and stable governments, capable of administering quality programs and developing the economic environment and infrastructure of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby desires to exercise its rights guaranteed under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) and enter in to a Title 1 Self-Determination Contract agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to transfer the contractible programs, functions, services and activities of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agriculture Program for the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. This includes all contractible functions currently performed by the Range Resource Management and Related-Agriculture Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide all financial, personnel, facilities, equipment and other relevant data that will assist the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in the development of the P.L. 96-638 Proposal and contract,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide the necessary Technical Assistance and TAAMS Clearance and Training in the development of the P.L. 93-638 Northern Cheyenne Tribal Range Resource Management and Related-Agriculture Program contract proposal.

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE’S INTENT TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC LAW 93-638 SELF DETERMINATION CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ADMINISTER THE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION FOR FY 2024 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: My vote is yes. I just want to make a comment. I want to thank Melissa for bringing this today. This shouldn’t have gone back to the Bureau. I just want to remind everyone the importance of Tribe’s control over this program. For years, the BIA never enforced our ordinance. It’s not only that. I feel like the BIA was trained to just do enough for us to get by. So, hopefully we can make some strides with this and get a group of people in there to make a difference.

ITEM #10 – NCTHA BOARD – MUDDY DISTRICT

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I’ll make a motion to approve. It’s to appoint Christine Wick.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A NEW MEMBER TO THE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NCTHA) BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS FOR MUDDY DISTRICT, ALL OTHER DISTRICT REMAIN THE SAME AND RESCINDING DOI-192 (2017), DOI-196 (2017), DOI-113 (2019) AND DOI-117 (2020).

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #11 – GAMING COMMISSION – BIRNEY DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I make a motion to approve the recommendation for the new board member for the Birney District, Patricia Littlewhiteman, for the Gaming Commission.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I need to remind the President that the Busby

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Mena is good. That was for gaming.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: She advertised for Muddy rather than Busby. It’s all good now?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: But, just to remind the President that she needs to contact the Gaming Commission on her selection. They would like to be informed. Confer with her.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yeah. She needs to do that with the Program so that the Programs know. There’re certain stipulations. Even with Housing. They can’t be behind. They can’t owe a bill or whatever. Before she makes her recommendation.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Also, another directive is, she needs to solicit letters of interest for 2 seats for TERO. It’s the Busby seat and the Birney seat.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Busby has been so long.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yeah, Busby, they submitted their letter months ago and nothing was done. So, if she does them together, that'll be good.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING CHANGES OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE GAMING COMMISSION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. DOI-079 (2022).

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #12 – RV PARK CONTRACT

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Thank you, Vice-President and council members. You have a resolution before you to authorize a contract with Palmetto and CT&T for a RV park layout for economic development. The Tribal Council has need of a recreation vehicle (RV) park for the upcoming Broadband project to house contractors that may need the services of an RV park and to develop the site at the powwow grounds for camping. Palmetto/CT&T has submitted a proposal to provide a layout including electrical, water and wastewater services for the RV Park at the proposed location for the amount of \$10,000.00. As described in the contract, Palmetto/CT&T) has provided “technical background and experience aspects of the proposed project to provide a layout design for the RV park. The Tribal Council recognizes that because of the urgent need to specifically design and develop the RV park due to the house the broadband project contractors and upcoming celebrations in a timely manner, 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 Palmetto/CT&T. Therefore, be it resolved that the Tribal Council hereby deviates from the regular procurement process to hire Palmetto/CT&T) to assist the Tribe in developing an economic development project and authorizes a contract with Palmetto/CT&T for a RV Park layout on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and that Tribal President is authorized and directed to sign the attached contract to hire Palmetto (CT&T). This is for a RV park to be located over there by the pow wow grounds.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: You know, one would be good at the reservoir too.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: What we want to do is, once we get the drawings, we can modify them for each district. I think each district should have a RV park.

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: I think the reservoir would be a good place for a RV park.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Thank you for bringing that up.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: We are going to have a strategic planning meeting at the end of the month. I recommend that we go over all those things. Good things are going to start happening here pretty quick.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PALMETTO/CT&T FOR A RV PARK LAYOUT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #13 – SCHOOL BASED HEALTH INITIATIVE

KAYLA GRINSELL: We are requesting, approving and authorizing the provisions of direct medical care and related services to non-beneficiaries in the Tribal Board of Heath’s school based health initiative pursuant to Section 813 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, as amend 25 U.S.C. § 1680c.

WHEREAS, Section 813 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, as amended, 25 U.S.C. § 1680c(c)(2), provides that a tribe or tribal organization that operates a health facility under an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act contract may make its own determination whether to provide health services to persons not otherwise eligible (i.e. non-beneficiaries) to receive IHS-funded health services so long as the provision of such services does not result in denial or diminution of health care services to eligible Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed Section 813 and its capacity to provide school-based services in its Tribal Board of Health School-Based Health Initiative and has determined that the provision of health services on a fee-for-service basis to certain non-beneficiaries able to access school-based services. In particular, to provide direct care and related health care services to non-beneficiaries in schools on the Northern Cheyenne Reservices on a fee-for- service basis in an amount no less than the actual costs of providing such services, would not result in a denial or diminution of health services to beneficiaries, and has further determined that doing so would in fact enhance the Tribe’s ability to effectively serve eligible tribal members and other beneficiaries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby confirm and authorize the Northern Cheyenne Board of Health to provide direct and related health care services to non-beneficiaries in its Tribal Board of Health school-based services initiative on a fee for service basis and that services provided are within the PFSAs of the Title I Contract and covered under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF DIRECT MEDICAL CARE AND RELATED SERVICES TO NON-BENEFICIARIES IN THE TRIBAL BOARD OF HEALTH’S SCHOOL BASED HEALTH INITIATIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 813 OF THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT, AS AMENDED, 25 U.S.C. § 1680c.

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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ITEM #14 – N.C. TRIBAL HEALTH CREDENTIALING PLAN & POLICY

KAYLA GRINSELL: Tribal Health is requesting approving and adopting the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health Credentialing plan and policy.

WHEREAS, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health was worked to develop a School-Based Health program that will at least initially operate under its Public Health Nursing program and that will extend health services into the schools on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the School-Based Health program will include some direct care services being provided by independent licensed health care practitioners; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that quality health care services are provided, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health program has developed a Credentialing Plan and Policy under which each independent licensed practitioner’s qualifications will be collected, reviewed and approved prior to each practitioner providing services in the School-Based Health program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council does hereby approve and adopt the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health Credentialing Plan and Policy, attached hereto.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HEALTH CREDENTIALING PLAN AND POLICY

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				
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #15 AND ITEM #16

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:40 A.M.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:30 A.M.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: Thank you guys for hearing them. Something that we've been trying, Melissa and I've been trying to push for for a while now and I appreciate you guys hearing them out. Getting them on the agenda. I really do appreciate it. Small victory for me personally, as a councilman, as I was, like I said, I felt pretty powerless over there at housing. So, I appreciate you guys listening.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Also taking into consideration the reinstatement and doing something about it.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: That’s why we are having the strategic planning.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yeah. That’s one of the things the agenda. If anyone also has agenda items

VICE-PRESIDENT LITTLEMOUTH, SR.: People still needs to hear why they are raising the rent though.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: That's up to housing.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: That’s up to him and the board.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Him and the board and the staff, they need to have public meetings. They need to notify the public. So, that's something that administration needs to do is deal with the, as the director, they need to deal with the board and the director on getting public notice out to the public of why and what's going on with them. It has to come from the administration.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I think that at this point we're going to completely bypass that and just take action against the board. I'm not going to speak for anybody but that's what I support is that we do something with the ordinance. Get the word autonomous out of there so that we can go in there because at this point, right now, we can't go in there and say anything to them. They're autonomous. They're on their own. We can’t make any, we're basically an Advisory Board for them, the liaisons, and the council and we're barely that. So, until we take action and become more than what we are, we can’t really do anything. I mean, they can tell us and we can go out there and scream it from the mountain tops why the rent is what it is but we can’t take action on it until we take action on that ordinance. Once we do that, I believe the stories and the 2 complaints that came in, I think we have enough to do that. I support it.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I support it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

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				
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 @ 11:36 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