

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

February 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

INVOCATION: Norma Gourneau

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear <i>*arrived @ 9:26 a.m.</i>		X	
Debra Charette.	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President		X	
Silver Little Eagle		X	
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse <i>*arrived @ 9:10 a.m.</i>	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	9	3	

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I wanted to just give an update on the DC trip. I was in DC this last week for the Annual IHS Budget Formulation meeting. We were able to come in agreement with all the different areas and ask for \$63 billion for IHS to fund all the IHS facilities and programs across the US. The D-stack meeting, later part of the week, direct services, we were able to get reports from all the different programs from IHS on what they're doing and the changes that they're making. I think the biggest one was HR. They are putting that all into one department for all the different areas. So, hopefully, that can bring about some good changes this next year. That's all.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, HR will be one department? There will be one HR department for all of the Area offices?

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Yeah. Overseeing them all.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I would like to make a statement before we start. On Thursday, February 1, 2024 at approximately 10 a.m., Melissa Lonebear and Melissa Fisher came to my office at the Littlewolf Capital Building to see me and were upset. We had some discussion and I was told by Melissa Lonebear that she was going to remove me as the President of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. That evening at approximately 7 p.m., Melissa Fisher posted the agenda for the council meeting for February 5, 2024 which included item #12, removal of Tribal President. I was surprised that the item was already on the agenda and I wasn't served the complaint against me and as of today, I have never been served a written complaint. This is in direct violation of Ordinance No. DOI – 002 (99) which sets forth procedures governing hearings before the Tribal Council. It also violates the Constitution of Article 7, Section 3; any complaint against the President, a member or officer of the Tribal Council must be in writing and sworn to by the complainant. Article 4 (i), Powers of the Tribal Council states that Tribal Council promulgate and enforce ordinances, and Article 4 (r), says to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Council and other tribal agencies, and tribal officials of the Reservation. Ordinance 5 (97) states that the Tribal Council provides for the establishment of a system of operations for the Northern Cheyenne tribal political body. Under the President, #3, it says the President shall conduct all council meetings and ensure that all matters brought before the council are addressed and discussed as appropriate. The original scheduled council meeting on February 5, 2024 was postponed by the President, in writing, on February 2, 2024 and rescheduled for February 12, 2024. I was on travel February 4 through February 8 for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Housing Authority. I was on personal leave on Friday, February 9, for a medical appointment. During the week of my absence, the council attempted to have council meetings on Monday, February 5; Tuesday, February 6; and Friday, February 9, 2024. The Vice-President was unable to preside because of medical leave and was excused from work from February 5 through February 9, 2024. On February 12, 2024 I returned to work and was informed by the secretary, Edina Redstar, the council had rescheduled the February 12 meeting on February 9 to February 20, 2024. There was nothing in writing from the council for this rescheduled meeting. Roll call was taken on February 12, 2024 since I had provided written notice of the meeting and no one was present. The council meetings that were being attempted by the council makes me believe they were violating my due process rights since I was not going to be present for my removal as Tribal President without a written complaint. I feel I have not been afforded due process in regards to the old agenda item #12 and the new agenda item #11, removal of Tribal President. It also violates Article 5, Bill of Rights, in the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. By not providing due process, this issue could be addressed in the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Court and the council involved could possibly be removed from their council seat. This is how serious this issue is. This issue, all of us as tribal leaders, have due process. We have a hearing ordinance and that hearing ordinance has to be referred to so it gives us each, everyone of us sitting here, due process. This hasn't been done. I don't have a complaint right here in front of me. I have no idea what is, why I am being removed because I have no written complaint in front of me. I have no due process right now. I don't think that. What I am requesting to have the new agenda item #11 that's on our

agenda, for the removal of the Tribal President, to be removed from today's agenda. I would like to say that, you know, as council leaders, our leadership here, we all need to work together. We need to take all the negative stuff out of here and we need to be positive. We have people that have elected us into our positions that we need to think about. That's all I have to say. I would like to request that the agenda item #11, the removal of the Tribal President, be removed from today's agenda. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Item #1. Michelene.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Will someone make a motion to remove item #11.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We're just in the announcement phase right now so we will go on with item #1. Michelene.

ITEM #1 - ELDERLY UPDATE:

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT: I'm not really sure what Elderly Program has to update. We haven't had a meeting for the past couple months. We've been trying to get together but we haven't been successful. I appreciate everything that the Elderly Program does. They have a menu they put out every month to let the elders know what they are going to eat and then when the elders go to get their food, it's not what's on the menu because they don't have the. The payments for the food are not getting paid then they have to rearrange the menu and go with what they have. The accountant is saying that they had this much money. The funding agency from Red Lodge Elderly, or whatever, is saying they have this much money. These things don't match up. Every time they try to do a purchase order to get more food, "Oh, you don't have that much." "Oh, you don't have that much." But yet the report is saying they have this much money and it's getting frustrating because, you know, our elders say, "Oh, good, this looks good. I want to eat this so I'm going to go." Then they have to change their minds. It's not there and then they get frustrated with the Elderly Program. The Elderly Program goes above and beyond and it was one of the only programs that was still going through covid. That's the update that I have for Elderly Program.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Who is the accountant?

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT: Lorna Soldierwolf. Gee, I must be missing her. Lorna Sioux is the accountant for the Elderly Program.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok. We will get an update.

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT: March 1st is or March 31st is coming up but now they're saying that all the money that was there isn't there. So, I don't know where it went because Elderly Program didn't spend it.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Is that the deadline? March 31st?

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT: Yeah

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok.

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT: Other than that, I don't know where all of our elders are. I don't know how many we have in each district. I know we're losing elders, Cheyenne speakers, and elders. I know we're gaining elders every day. That's something I think we should all know. How many do we have in Lame Deer. How many we have in Birney. You probably know that though. How many we have in Ashland. How many we have in Busby and in Muddy and what they need.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Wallace has those stats.

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT: Yeah. I've never been able to get them from him. If there's anything that the elders need, they've started doing more programs at the complex with what they have. I really appreciate everything that they have been doing. I think, just like Serena said, we just need to work together and come together and figure this out as a whole instead of always pitting each other against each other. That's how I feel. Like with my program. If I'm not doing my program, I'm ----- . You know, it's not easy to try to get a house for \$100,000 dollars and that's what I'm trying to do and I'm not successful so far. The Elderly Program, they're trying to feed these elders, trying to get those that take care of grandkids, trying to get them some respite and stuff and it's not easy. Our jobs are not easy but when we're not working together, it makes it worse. It makes it harder. That's one thing that we are all here to work for our people. We are not here to work for our families or individuals. We are here to work for the people that put us here. The people that hired us. Our clients. The people that voted for you. That's what you're here for. You are here to represent and help the Cheyenne people, the elders, the program directors. That's what you're here for and that's what you should do.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: Nease. (Thank you)

ITEM #2 – DISTRICT UPDATES

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Do we have any district chairs here? Are you the district chair Amanda?

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Well, what I am here to discuss is that very problem. Ok, I was elected and then only the president can call a meeting. There was a complaint which I was never notified about and then according to you, there's about 5 district chairs, as of today. I'm not sure of the number. I asked for verification. We go by the plan of operations and I have given everyone a plan of operations and procedures. These other district chairs do not go by the plan of operations. If you don't go by the plan of operations, what good is it to have a plan of operations.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. So, right now, Lame Deer district is still unresolved.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Unresolved according to the council but not according to us.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: There are still like 4 people claiming to be

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: I have no idea.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Until it gets resolved, we will not hear from Lame Deer district.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Our meetings are open.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. Until it gets resolved, we will not hear from Lame Deer district.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Excuse me.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Until it gets resolved, we won't hear from Lame Deer district.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Ok. Well, I need to hear that plus what I wanted to say was, our meetings are open and we go by the plan of operations which is every 2nd Monday of every month. I asked to be put on the agenda and so far

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: It's not the council that can resolve it. It needs to be the district.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Ok. But you need to be notified because for some odd reason you're stopping the money which you really don't have any right to do.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We don't stop the money. We never stopped the money.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: You guys are completely autonomous from us. We have nothing to do with

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: But you are the ones that release the funding. Serena never signed off on releasing the money so it is not released.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: That's the administration not the council.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Once the Tribal Treasurer recognizes who

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: She doesn't recognize that.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: It needs to be resolved by the district.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: It needs to be resolved by the district. If all of the chairmen that were voted in would come together, it would be resolved. The money was frozen at the request of the Lame Deer district.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: I did that. The reason I froze it at that particular moment was to recalculate the monies within the budget.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, you just said the council froze it. Now you saying

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Wait a minute now. It was never re-opened. It stayed closed because of these various chairs. At that time that I closed it was just to recalculate the amount of money and where it was and how we could say charity was at \$0, make sure we had the funding for that. Re-calculate the budget, in other words. When we re-calculated the budget, we went to re-open it and you said no because you said there was more than one chair. Well, if you're supposed to stay out of district business, then you should have done it. What you should have done Serena was tell the opposing party, whoever it was at that time, we have no business there, take it back to the district and solve the problem. Instead the monies remain closed at that particular time.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, it just needs to be. I'd like to stop you right there. Lame Deer District needs to be resolved at the district level.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Yes. I know.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: That's what I said. So, we go by the plan of operations to a tee.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. Get it resolved at the district level and then come back.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: There's 2 ½ years of funding that's sitting there. Our members need the help.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Then, my advice to you is whenever they come in here and talk, tell them to come to the district meeting. The legal one.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We get requests every day.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Thank you.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Oh, and I have another speaker that would like to speak.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We are not hearing from Lame Deer district until it gets resolved.

AMANDA WHITESHIELD: Ok. He's a community member and he asked whether or not I would ask for his permission to talk. It's not on the district business. It's his own reality and I would request that you at least listen to him. This place is for the people not for rules and regulations for some and not rules and regulations for others. So, please give him the courtesy of letting him speak.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Melissa, he can ask to be put on the agenda like everybody else does.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, if you wanted to approach the council, there's an agenda request form that you can fill out. There's an agenda request form that you can fill out.

JOHN THREEFINGERS: It'll take 3 minutes. That's all I ask for.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. Well, we have a long agenda so. When I asked for announcements, that when the floor was open but right now we have an agenda to take care of. So, if you would like to approach the council, you can get an agenda request. Thank you,

JOHN THREEFINGERS: The thing I wanted to talk about was the land issue. Hay being stolen off the Native American land owners' tracks.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. So, that'll be an agenda request and there's also an agenda request for the Land Authority. You can approach the Land Board.

JOHN THREEFINGERS: Apparently the BIA is in violation of interstate land commerce cattle violations, wire fraud.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. I'd like to stop you. There's an agenda request form that you can fill out.

MUDDY DISTRICT

RYHAL ROWLAND: Good morning. I just had a quick update. Our hall is being fully renovated at the moment. Tommy Robinson is our contractor. He's got it all gutted out. They have a lot of painting done. A lot of hole fixtures. When they went in to replace the interior, take of the interior walls of our hall, the whole insulation is like a mice haven. Like, we have a straw bale part, that's on the side of our hall. I would never suggest anybody get a straw bale house. It's horrible. We have rats. So many rats. What did they get? Like 6 that one day. 6 rats out of there. Anyways, we came and visited with you last week and told you about the situation. We are going to get a quote so we could do the whole exterior shell and the roof of the building because after they tore it up, we wouldn't have known that that issue was there until we got into it.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Tell them about the flies too.

RYHAL ROWLAND: Oh yeah. Like, with the roof part, with the hay or the straw in there and the condensation, it lifts the roof like this much to like this much. Like this fall, it looked like a scary movie. Like a bunch of flies moving the ceiling. So gross. Anyway, that straw bale part is kind of deteriorating but Tommy is doing his best to fix it or whatever. They've caulked all the holes. They've re-painted. It already looks a lot better. I guess that's about it. They're working on it as diligently as they can. I guess I had one more request from the district. If you guys have a contract with Ecolab, I wonder if you guys can do something at the hall.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: We'll ask and see if we can.

RYHAL ROWLAND: If they could come and do something because it's like horrible.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Because you guys probably need it. Do you guys need it to?

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: For mice?

RYHAL ROWLAND: Yeah. Mice and rats.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok.

RYHAL ROWLAND: They found its little hole underneath the straw bale part where it goes in and out. They're going to fix that hole to but there's a lot more issues once they actually got into the entrance part of the building. It might come with more issues but other than that, that's all I have right now.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok. Appreciate it.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Thank you. I don't see anybody from Birney. No Birney. No Busby. No Ashland.

ITEM #3 – BUDGETS

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Good morning everybody. I present a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available items.

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 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	\$ 2,618,203.00
050	INDIRECT COST POOL	\$ 4,013,051.00

**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			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I present a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available items. Just go down to the **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>
218	NC Tribal Forestry	\$ 1,304,800.84
746	NC Language Nest	\$ 82,609.00
815	Homeowner Assistance Fund Plan	\$ 2,363,140.70
814	Job Placement & Training	\$ 140,641.20
823	Higher Education	\$ 549,555.62
696	Rosebud Lodge	\$ 1,553,481.46
389	THIP	\$ 4,728,987.26

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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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COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I present a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available items. Just go down to the **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>
548	Strengthening Families	\$ 11,586.00
600	TERO	\$ 32,000.00
662	Tribal Services	\$ 448,350.00
716	Human Services	\$ 99,774.00
773	LATCD	\$ 450,000.00
782	Tribal Forestry	\$ 1,051,958.00
787	EDA	\$ 180,766.56
830B	ARPA – Program & Planning	\$ 2,635,528.68
840E	Rosebud Lodge	\$ 309,090.00

**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 Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #4 – MINUTES

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Madam Chairwoman, I make a motion to approve the minutes from December 19, 2023.

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

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: That was the 19th right? December 19.

COUNCILWOMAN GOUREAU: Yes.

SECRETARY REDSTAR: December 19th.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: December 19th.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I'll make a motion to approve the December 20, 2023 minutes.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Are we missing one in November?

SECRETARY REDSTAR: Yeah. There should be November 22nd and November 28th.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. We didn't grab those out of our old packets. That's what happened.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: So, your motion was for the 19th? So, that motion was to approve the 19th Edina and then we have a motion on the floor for the 20th.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 20, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make a motion to approve January 2nd meeting minutes.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2, 2024 REGULAR SESSION.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President				X

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make a motion to approve January 16th minutes.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2024 REGULAR SESSION.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I'll make a motion to approve January 18th minutes.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2024 SPECIAL SESSION.

Motion made by Torrey Davie. Second by Donavin Limberhand.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Melissa Fisher	X			
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9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, the other ones were in our packet from last time.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Oh yeah. I seen those ones from last week.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Should we just do those ones at the next one? How many is there, 2?

SECRETARY REDSTAR: Yes. November 22nd and November 28th.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I'll make a motion to approve.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Second.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: They were both in our previous packet.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2023 REGULAR SESSION.

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	Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'll make a motion to approve the November 28, 2023 minutes.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2023 REGULAR SESSION.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Nizhoni Friesz	X			

Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President				X
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We had 3 roll calls last week. The 5th, the 6th and the 9th where quorums were established so I'd like to make a motion to pass those.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Second

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: There was nobody here that was presiding over that council meeting so it shouldn't be a legal meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We still went on record. We had a quorum.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We have a motion and a second on the floor.

A MOTION TO PASS THE ROLL CALL SHEETS FROM FEBRUARY 5th, FEBRUARY 6th AND FEBRUARY 9th, 2024.

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			

8 vote(s) Yes	1 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #5 – ADMINISTRATION & MEDICATION POLICIES FOR HEADSTART

ROBERTA HARRIS: Good morning. I'm going to start at the 3rd whereas.

Whereas, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program must develop and implement a system of management, including ongoing training, oversight, correction, and continuous improvement in accordance with the Head Start Program Performance Standards, 1302.47, Safety Practices, that

includes policies and procedures, and practices to ensure the Administration of Medications is consistent with standards for parent consent; the handling, storage, administration, and record of the administration of medications are adequate to ensure child safety; and

Whereas, the Northern Cheyenne Head Start will support a safe and healthy environment for children and staff. The procedures were written following safety and hygiene practices, and the handling, storage, administration, and record of the administration of medications; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Administration of Medications, Policies, and Procedures.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE HEAD START PROGRAM.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #6 – MT. STATE FUNDED COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

KIM DAHLE: Good morning. I have 2 resolutions today. The first resolution is asking for support and approval for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health to enter into a task order with the state of Montana to update the Northern Cheyenne Community Health Assessment and authorize the President the Tribal Health Executive Director to take such actions as necessary to enter into and carry out the task order.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING AND APPROVING NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HEALTH’S PARTICIPATION IN MONTANA STATE FUNDED COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #7 – HRSA MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH ORAL HEALTH PROJCT

KIM DAHLE: The second resolution that I have today is that the Tribal Council does hereby support and approve the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health’s participation in the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Oral Health Integration Project, and authorize the President and Tribal Health Executive Director to take such actions as necessary for participation in the Project.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING AND APPROVING NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HEALTH’S PARTICIPATION IN HRSA MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION PROJECT

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote	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	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Really quick. I would like to make a motion to add on enrollment.

A MOTION TO ADD ENROLLMENT TO THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #8 – FY’24 NOXIOUS WEED – VENTENATA PROPOSAL – BIA

JASON WHITEMAN: The first one is a proposal for a resolution in support. The plant is called ventenata. That’s one, I think, Renessa asked a while back. This is a plant that just started. Somehow, it spread to the reservation. Mostly, it’s on the western part. That would be Bull Creek Tower, Trail Creek, that Kirby area. The plant is just now getting here. This opportunity for this case, for the ventenata. We actually already got the funding. This was a fast turn around for this proposal here but this is just a resolution of support. Pretty much, BIA protocol is they have to have a resolution of support. This one here is for \$30,901.26. We already received that money. It was provided by the local agency. We do have another operator in Trail Creek. They are actually doing it themselves. It’s like 760 acres of ventenata on the reservation. I seen photos in Pryor mountains where the ventenata plant was just completely. Once it starts growing, it’ll completely take over the plants and no wildlife and livestock will eat it. We are very fortunate that we got funding for that to start on that ventenata plant and it’s called obnoxious weed. Anyway, so I am just asking for a resolution of support and there’s another, I think it’s. We’re just finding out, I just found out recently that’s it’s going down towards south of Bull Creek tower, the ventenata plant there. That’s where it’s starting to spread out there. There’s a lot of traffic out there and it gets spread around by the vehicles and stuff.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Has the spraying. Have you started spraying for it?

JASON WHITEMAN: We just got the funding. Most likely we will contract it out. Go through that process. It's actually cheaper. If you go on the ground, it's more expensive. The chemical is really expensive. It's more expensive than other herbicides so that's the reason why. I'm hoping that this will continue but this all started with the Regional Office, Bob Demarey; Superintendent, Andrew Werk and Kathy Knobloch and myself. We met a few months ago and with that I'll go to the second resolution but just invited the Tribe's Natural Resource Department to do an application for obnoxious weeds. This case management. One of them is being specific to ventenata. The other is Sulphur Cinquefoil.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Ok. We are doing this one first, right?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I'll make that motion.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Do you have the equipment to do it?

JASON WHITEMAN: Yeah. I just submitted an application for obnoxious weed grant fund for tribes. It's \$6,500.00. That's what we're working on right now. I'm just waiting on approval for that.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: You're going to hire somebody in your department?

JASON WHITEMAN: We'll do a contract. We can do it ourselves. Actually, next month I'll be going to training for government pesticide applicator license. I'll represent the Tribe through that process.

RYHAL ROWLAND: I have a question Jason. In your proposal, is it for ground spraying, aerial spraying or drone? What kind of spraying is covered? What kind of spraying are you going to contract out?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: I think he said aerial, right?

JASON WHITEMAN: We are going to do it by aerial. It's faster.

RYHAL ROWLAND: By aerial?

JASON WHITEMAN: Yes.

RYHAL ROWLAND: So, I was just getting at where you said you were going to do your pesticide applicator license and you're going to contract out ground spraying. Give people the opportunity to have the training for everybody if you're going to contract out the ground spraying.

JASON WHITEMAN: First of all, it's real helpful to have. Well, actually, Kim Spang, my staff person administrator, she has a license and it's certified by EPA. Then I'll go through the

same process. A government license with EPA. Certification too, as well. That's important to even oversee the obnoxious weed management program. A tribal obnoxious weed management program. We do have other funding from the Richard Spring's Fire that we'll be working on too as well. Either through ground or aerial application on that one there. We got \$26,000.00.

RYHAL ROWLAND: When you get your obnoxious weed management program for the Tribe, are you going to employ somebody? Like what I use to do for you. Are you going to have that program? Like you said if you put in for equipment. Like, remember when I use to spray weeds for you with a GSA vehicle with a pump on the back. I went out and did all the spraying. Are you guys going to have that opportunity here for that kind of spraying? Like the BIA roads. Are you going to start that too?

JASON WHITEMAN: That's the goal. That's correct. I just started this program up again in obnoxious weed management. I wasn't involved. Quit a few years ago I was asked to stay out of it. I think I mentioned that. It was in a director's meeting and asked me and Natural Resources to stay out of it. It was another program managing the obnoxious weed program. Now that it's been, I would say, kind of quiet about obnoxious weeds. That's why the Regional office came down and met with us to give us opportunity for the Natural Resource Department to start the obnoxious weed management program again. So, that's what I'm doing. I have a total of 4 of them. One is already the Richard Springs Fire. 2 would be the application for State Obnoxious Weed Grant Fund, \$11,500.00. These 2 here that I have in front of me. The ventenata and the Sulphur Cinquefoil.

RYHAL ROWLAND: Because of the dire need of obnoxious weeds on the reservation, I wonder, do you have the funding through Natural Resources or if you guys could go in together with like Land Authority and Grazing to have a pesticide education class here so more of our tribal members have the opportunity to realize the importance of obnoxious weeds here and what it's doing to our land and have the opportunity to get that certification. That are also job opportunities and things like that.

JASON WHITEMAN: Ryhal was my ex-employee from a long time ago.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: How is the aerial spray going to affect the livestock out there?

JASON WHITEMAN: What you do is you got to be careful. We will do a NEPA process with that to as well. It's an obnoxious weed management plan. Go through the NEPA process. I asked that question too. The Richard Spring Fire, the NEPA process has already been out so that includes all of that there so that's covered. It's just that I want to do what's price specific with Sulphur Cinquefoil and these are small areas here. So, it would be the effects are usually on a plant, like you said is a livestock, cattle, will eat it. Usually you do it early in the morning, first of all, because that's the most stable air that you have is early in the morning or in the evening. These areas will be most likely, could be used for say livestock grazing. They maybe not even be in that range unit too. We also let the permittee know.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: You guys will let them know?

JASON WHITEMAN: Yeah. Permittee will know too.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: There's 2 resolutions here. Is it the same pot of funding or is it 2 different grants?

JASON WHITEMAN: On the ventenata, it will be partial. This will be just only. It was BIA actually contacted me and said we have available that amount, \$30,901.26 available for Northern Cheyenne. We selected ventenata as a target obnoxious weed plant. We won't get all of it and we just again, repeat. Just finding out that the ventenata plant is going south, towards the Bull Creek tower. We also have Trail Creek. We have a permittee in that area. They do it themselves. They'll hire their own contractor through the Equip Program. NRCS Equip Program. That's what they're working on. It's a combination. We can make it an Equip program if we want to but we didn't do it this time. With this one here, we also asked that operators can do an in-kind contribution and do the application themselves.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. So, the reason I was asking in the first place, I think it was in an email from Kathy Knoblock about combining resources and just to make sure it's enough.

JASON WHITEMAN: Well, this is just. The \$30 thousand, it's really not enough, to be honest. That's correct. It's not enough but it's just a start. Basically, to start on this plant here, the obnoxious weed, the ventenata plant. That's going to be really important to get started, to get a jump on that. It's just a few spots. I went out in the field with Kathy and just saw a little few spots that are small that we want to get control and manage it. The other one, like I said, Crow Reservation, Pryor Mountains, I've seen photos of those and that ventenata plant was unmanaged. They are starting to learn more about that plant.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Is there a picture? Can you send out a picture of it to the operators?

JASON WHITEMAN: Acutally, this past summer, Kathy invited everyone. She put an invitation out and no one made it. She went to Crow, Pryor Mountains, that's where I seen photos, like you said of that. No one made it out on Northern Cheyenne. She set it up in the morning and no one attended. That's including myself.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Can you send the council one so maybe we can

JASON WHITEMAN: You were all invited. That's the way I understand it. Last year.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Just so we can post a picture. So people will know what to look for.

JASON WHITEMAN: Ok.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Like to report it if they find it out there.

JASON WHITEMAN: But, I can do it again.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok.

JASON WHITEMAN: Yeah. It's really hard to identify during the spring time. It just looks like a normal. If it's green, young. I can't. It's afterwards. June, usually, is the time the plant will really show up as well as later on. June is the window period that you can easily identify the ventenata.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok.

JASON WHITEMAN: We can set it up again some other time where a few of you council can actually go out with us and we can just see Muddy Creek. That's where I went. Muddy Creek, Bull Creek tower. That's what Kathy really wanted was to inform the council of this plant, ventenata plant.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. I make a motion to approve this ventenata resolution.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTS FUNDS VIA AWARD FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTRATOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NOXIOUS WEED TREATMENT VENTENATA PROJECT ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #9 – FY'24 NOXIOUS WEED – SULPHUR CINQUEFOIL PROPOSAL – BIA

JASON WHITEMAN: The next one is the same thing. A resolution of support for ventenata. Again, we are targeting a species. Not ventenata. Sulphur Cinquefoil. That's been around for years, decades. Maybe 30 years. Somewhere around there. It's gotten worse. This area that we

are targeting is right along highway 212. That's by Rosebud subdivision. There're areas there. Total project is estimated at \$63 thousand dollars. So, that is what we submitted it as. It can be an Equip program as well. Same thing. It will be an aerial application. It'll just be quicker and faster. You could probably do it in one morning. Just go out and do the application. Also, to ask the same thing as in the NEPA process as well. This one, we didn't get the funding yet for this one here. We don't know how much we are going to get but the proposal is for \$63 thousand and whether we get all of it, that'll be great. If not, it might be half like \$30 thousand, somewhere around there. We won't know until the BIA reviews the proposal. They go through a long process. The BIA does that. Goes through that process. This is just one we got invited to apply for from Bob Demeray, Andrew Werk and myself and Kathy. We discuss some of these. This one here has already been identified and mapped out by NRCS. That's who really helped me out with NRCS was Kathy with a really important resource in this one here, this proposal as well.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTS FUNDS VIA AWARD FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTRATOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NOXIOUS WEED TREATMENT PROJECT AREA ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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			

9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #10 – AMEND LAW & ORDER CODE/HUMAN TRAFFICKING

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Silver requested that it be tabled until the next meeting so I'd like to make a motion to table.

A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #10.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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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	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #11 – REMOVAL OF TRIBAL PRESIDENT

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. I am going to read the complaint into record. There's a draft resolution that has blanks that we need to fill if the council so chooses to have a hearing. To the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council. This packet shall serve as a sworn complaint for the removal of Serena Wetherelt, Northern Cheyenne Tribal President. Grounds for removal. Upon taking office, public officials take an Oath of Office which states the following: I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the United States of America against all enemies; I will carry out faithfully and impartially the duties of my office to the best of my ability; and I will promote and protect the best interests of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. It is a promise that is taken publicly and that warrants disciplinary action, if the oath is violated. Serena Wetherelt has violated her oath and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has authority to remove the President in accordance with the Constitution and the Bylaws; Article VII-Removal from office. Section 2; Removal from office. Any officer or councilman who shall fail to perform the duties assigned to him shall be guilty of gross neglect and may be removed by 8 votes of the Tribal Council after affording the accused member a fair opportunity to be heard in his own defense. The decision of the Tribal Council shall be final. Article IV-Powers of the Tribal Council. Section 1 (r); to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the council, other agencies and tribal officials of the reservation. Section 4; Manner of review. Any resolution or ordinance which pursuant to this Constitution is subject to review by the Secretary of Interior, shall be presented to the Superintendent of the Reservation within (10) ten days of enactment by the Tribal Council, and the Superintendent shall, within (10) ten days after receipt, approve, or disapprove same. Bylaws, Article I, Duties of officers. It shall be his duty to convene the Tribal Council for extra sessions. It shall be his duty to see that all enactments, orders, and resolutions are properly executed. Article V, Meetings and Procedures, Section 5. Every order, resolution, or vote to which the concurrence of the Tribal Council may be necessary (except on the question of adjournment) shall be presented to the Tribal President of the Tribal Council, and before the same shall take effect it shall be approved by him or being disapproved by him may become effective by being repassed by affirmative vote of seven members of the Tribal Council. There

are exhibits included in the packet. Meeting minutes, December 19, Item #9 was to 638 Range. That is one of our self determination options that the council voted on. Page 20, motion made by Melissa Fisher and second by Eva Foote. Meeting was chaired by Vice President Ernest Littlemouth. Agenda item passed by 10 votes for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. The deadline for the resolution was January 4, 2024. Although Vice President Littlemouth chaired the meeting, President Wetherelt told him not to sign the resolution. Exhibit B, January 2, 2024, Regular Session Agenda, Page 18. Discussion on page 18 & 19 regarding 638 resolution. Melissa Lonebear made a motion to add the President stated that the deadline had not expired and that she would sign before the deadline. Exhibit C, January 16, 2023, regular session agenda, Item #10, Override of resolution DOI-041 (2024), Page 22. Motion made by Melissa Fisher to override and seconded by Melissa Lonebear. Agenda item passed by 8 votes for, 1 against, and 0 abstentions. The deadline for the resolution was January 29, 2024, draft resolution was not included in the packet. Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Council sent a draft to Edina Redstar that included the sentence; BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby amends, suspends, and rescinds any Tribal Resolution that may conflict with this action. The President disputed the legality of the resolution based on the sentence. Melissa Lonebear and Edina Redstar researched the original motion and draft resolution. The packet did not include a draft resolution, and the motion was simply to override. Edina was advised to remove the sentence and give the resolution back to President Wetherelt. Exhibit D, January 25, 2024, email from Brian Chestnut. The final sentence of the email states: If the above sentence was not included, the DOI-041 and DOI-059 appear identical and the President would be obligated to sign DOI-059 provided the Tribal Council repass the resolution with at least seven votes. February 1, 2024, informal meeting with Melissa Fisher and Serena Wetherelt in the President's office. Exhibit E is the timeline of events. Exhibit F is the roll call sheet or February 5th. Exhibit G is the roll call sheet from February 6th. Exhibit H is the roll call sheet from February 9th. For the reasons I stated above, I am requesting that a hearing to consider removal of the Tribal President be scheduled as soon as possible. Also, that the President be immediately stripped of administrative powers until a decision on the removal is issued. So, you have a draft resolution in the packet. There're some blanks for dates and times. Resolution setting removal hearing on complaint against Tribal President. The 3rd whereas would be today, February 20, the Tribal Secretary received a complaint for removal of the Tribal President signed and sworn by Melissa Lonebear with alleges the Tribal President has failed to perform her administrative duties, appoint a hearing officer, and establish rules for that hearing; now therefore be it resolved and that is where the blanks are. Removal hearing. There shall be a hearing on blank at blank. So, if the council considers having a hearing on the removal of the President, we need input on the dates.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I just want to reiterate that my statement that I had before here is that my due process was not used. I just now received this at 9:27.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This is your due process. This resolution, this draft resolution.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Your due process started when that removal came on Facebook on February 1st. That's when my due process started and today is the 20th.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We are still in motion.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Motion? I made a statement this morning.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: No, the process is still moving. That's why it is on the floor today to see if we will have a removal hearing.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: But my due process was already violated when that agenda item was on there. I hadn't even received a complaint. There has to be a written complaint.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: What about February 22nd at 10 a.m.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: What's that?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: February 22nd.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: For the hearing?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I think you should be respectful here Melissa Fisher because you just keep overriding me. When I read my letter, you just went right on to the next one. It's like you're, you're dealing with my due process here and it's very serious to me.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: The process hasn't even started yet.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: It started on the 1st.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: How?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Because she put it on Facebook. Number 12 was removal of the Tribal President and I didn't have no complaint. There was nothing. There was no case here until 9:27 when she just now, she didn't even, she just put it here, she didn't even serve me.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This is starting the process. This was just an agenda item to discuss the removal. We weren't moving to remove you that day, February 1st. It was to put it on the agenda. That's what we did again.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yeah. People were asking me about that. I said, I don't know. I can't assume what they are going to put on there because I haven't even gotten a complaint. The complaint just came now.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: If the Council agrees, we will have a hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We give her that 24-hour period. We could do it Thursday, the 22nd.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: So, you need to give me at least 2 weeks to get ready for this also.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: It doesn't say 2 weeks. 24 hours. It's 24 hours is what your given.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: No, it isn't.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Because I have to have ample time to prepare to answer this complaint.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Actually, it is up to the Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: It is up to the Council.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: You are still not giving me due process.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Due process was given. You were served the complaint.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This is to provide due process, the draft resolution.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I would say because the complaint was given now, I would give at least a week or two for the respondent to prepare.

WAYNE WETHERELT: Can you please speak up so we can hear.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Precedence was already set when there was a 24-hour notice.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I think it is up to the Council.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: People are going on travel next week to Helena. Right?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: It can be the week after.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: What do you guys think?

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I would say 2 weeks.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: Madam Chair, I have something I want to say. This whole thing started on the resolution. Ernest Littlemouth was chairing that meeting and he chose not to sign it too. I think he is as culpable as the Tribal President is. I think that you can't punish one person and not the other when they both did the same thing. So, that's my first part of it. The second part is, we have to give anyone, it doesn't matter if it is the President or a Council member or a staff member or whoever, we need to show that we are aware that they deserve due

process. So, I would be opposed to something to soon, 24 hours. We need to give them proper time. We need to provide due process. We haven't voted to remove her but we have to provide due process so we can hear both sides.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Give me a date.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: The 26th. Monday, the 26th.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: That'll work.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Monday at 10 a.m.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: President, Vice-President, Tribal Council, I think this is ridiculous. She goes over everything thoroughly, thoroughly. She thinks of the people. This is an injustice to her. We're under her authority. We're suppose to work with her and support her. Why? All of us don't come together. A few of us. That's division. That's nonsense. This wasn't even in the packet. You just passed it around just now. This is unfair and Maheo sees this. He put each and everyone of us here. Who thinks of the people? Who respects our President? Another thing, is this retaliation? Is it? Melissa Fisher's mother, Donna Fisher, got impeached.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: That has nothing to do with this.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: Hey, I got the floor here. This is what I see. This is what I see. This is ridiculous. I'm glad relatives, people are listening to you guys. This is wrong.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: That has nothing to do with it. I've been professional this whole time.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: I'm talking.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Well, I've been professional this whole time.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: I'm talking.

JENNIFER SPANG: She has the floor.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: This is ridiculous. Because it was not in the packet, it should not even be on the agenda.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This isn't the hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN FOOTE: And because of that, I make a motion that this, your complaint, what is it. It's terrible. You should be ashamed. A God of justice rules here and it's going to affect people and it's going to cause more division. Even harm. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: If I may have the floor for a moment. All due respect Eva, we have every right to make this motion. When I was elected into office and this is one thing that I hear many people talk about. How, you know, family support and how things and people are going to be hurt and how we have to be. We have to think about the people when we make our decisions. We had a gentleman that was trying to address the Council just now that has to do an agenda request regarding BIA and their lack of doing their jobs. He said that he talked to the FBI and BIA was in direct violation. The reason why this was brought up was because we were doing a 638 on the Range Program, BIA. So, because of that reason, because they are neglecting their duties. They are doing just enough to get by while our people are the ones that suffer; are the ones that get the dirty end of the stick. When I was elected into office, there was one thing that was told to me by every single one of you guys that voted and that was to follow this book right here to a T. In this book right here, in this constitution, nowhere does it state that the Tribal President can reschedule Council meetings. No where in here does it state that we can't get on this zoom right here and do our meetings. I've done it several times when I was on travel or when I was sick last week. I was sick too just like the Vice President was. I got on zoom. We had a quorum. What holds us from doing that? Business of the Tribe should come first and foremost, always. We should do everything we can to make these regularly scheduled meetings happen. Everything. Every one of the Council members, at one point, has called in for a meeting so that we could conduct the business of the Tribe. Last week, one of the things that needed to be conducted was a grant to re-do the craft center down there by the college. That wasn't able to be passed. We had to scramble to get that grant. We had to scramble to accept that grant money because business wasn't able to be performed. That is in direct violation of our Constitution and Bylaws. That's the biggest violation of our Constitution and Bylaws. We need to be able conduct business for you. We need to be able to do that. This is a democracy. There are 10 of us for a reason. This is no retaliation. I don't care about what happen before she was elected as President. I do not care. What I care about is the fact that I cannot conduct the business that you guys voted me in to do because a dictator is trying to dictate when we can have our meetings and when we conduct the Tribe's business. That is a direct violation of Constitution and Bylaws. It has nothing to do with retaliation. It has nothing to do with family. It has nothing to do with that. I see a tore up building down there in front of the college that needs to be repaired. In dire need of repair that we need and we need that funding. If things like this are going to stop us from obtaining that funding than that is a direct violation. It says nowhere in here that the President can reschedule meetings. Nowhere. She does not have that power. We do not work under her. We are not under her power. It's not how it works. If we were under her power, this would be a totalitarian dictatorship and it's not. It's a democracy and that's why there's 10 of us. That's why you voted for 10 people and not just one. If we allow these kinds of violation to take place then we have absolutely no place in this building and she's the only one should be here making decisions for every one of you guys. That is not what this is. It is a democracy and I hold democracy right here. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. So, moving on with the resolution. Does Monday, the 26th, work for everyone. At 10.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: I think we should wait for 2 weeks because you guys had, you told me on February 1st that you were going to remove me, until today.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We're discussing it.

WAYNE WETHERELT: Listen to her.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We're discussing it.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: So, I think, at least give me 2 weeks. You're only giving me

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Council?

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: I would say 2 weeks.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: 2 weeks?

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: March 5th.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: March 5th. That'll work.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: March 5th at 10?

JENNIFER SPANG: Hi Councilmen. I'm looking at your Bylaws here. It says it shall be the duty to convene the Tribal Council for extra sessions. Shall be the duty to see that all enactments, orders, and resolutions are properly executed. Then up here you have section 4, manner of review. Constitution to review; the secretary, the resolutions, the decisions of the Council shall be final; an officer who shall fail to perform his duties shall be found guilty of gross neglect. You know, I can stand here and probably point to every single one of you who falls underneath that section. So, while you're removing her, why don't you remove yourselves too because none of you are doing anything for us. What have you done for me? Huh. There are no new buildings. Who was it? Torrey talked about a broken building down town, somewhere over there. I come over and what are over here. Houses that are being neglected. Nobody is living in them. You got a tent out here where our homeless are living. A lot of you are breaking this rule here. So, Monday, or whenever you guys decide to have your meeting, remove yourselves. You've done nothing for us. What have you done? Name one thing guys. Any one of you.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I can name about 15 things.

JENNIFER SPANG: Well, name them Torrey.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: We have a pending lawsuit against the BIA for neglected duties.

JENNIFER SPANG: How does that benefit me?

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: What does that do? You want to know.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: This needs to stop now. Stop. You were given your time to speak.

JENNIFER SPANG: Ok. I asked the Chairman and she gave me permission so here I am.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: But you are raising your voice. Lower your voice down.

JENNIFER SPANG: Every single one of you is not perfect. I know that. We all know that. But don't come in here thinking that our chairman is perfect either. Why can't you guys work together?

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: So, are you asking

JENNIFER SPANG: Eva was talking about division. Let's work together.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: You need to not raise your voice at us.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Bottom line is it's a violation of the Constitution but it'll all come out in the hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We are not in the hearing yet.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, section B of the resolution. Each party may submit documentary or testimonial evidence. Documentary evidence may only be used in the Case in Chief or Defense if delivered to the Tribal Secretary. What's the deadline date? By 5 o'clock pm on March 1st.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Friday, March 1st.

JENNIFER SPANG: Torrey

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Section C. Each party may be represented by legal counsel.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: What do you want me to do?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Hey, hey, hey, hey.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: You want me to be ok with a violation of the Constitution?

JENNIFER SPANG: What's the first good thing you can do?

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: The first good thing I can do. Ok.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Section C. Each party may be represented by legal counsel. Section D. Only those members of the Tribal Council present during the entire course

of the hearing shall be entitled to vote on whether the Tribal President should be removed. Section E. The Tribal Secretary shall provide this resolution to the Tribal President and Melissa Lonebear as soon as. On section F, do we want an open or closed hearing?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: We have a resolution in place where you guys opened it for everybody. For the public.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: That's fine. Yeah, I prefer open anyway. And number 3. Hearing Officer. The Tribal Council hereby designates blank and then there is a line for an alternate. So, we need input on a hearing officer.

COUNCILWOMAN FRIESZ: Judge Roundstone.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: No. I would prefer not to.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: No Tribal Court Judges.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: because of the separation of powers, I would prefer not to have a judge. A seated Judge.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: It could be an advocate. All they do is keep order, basically.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: What about Ronnie Bigback?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: He did good before.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Does he know or Tribal Government?

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: What's that?

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Does he know about our Tribal Government?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: He's done it before.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: He does.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. If Ronnie is unable to do it, we need another name.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: It can be an advocate?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: It can be an advocate. Someone to keep order. Make sure the times are met.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: What about Ernie Robinson? Well, we'll just put him in there and see because he's an advocate.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: He’s sitting behind you actually.

AMANDA WHITESHIRT: Council, may I have the floor. Thank you. Now you know how it feels not to have due process. Like with the district when you first interfered. Number 2. If they have a good cause, they have a right to be heard. And you don’t dictate to the Council what they can and cannot do. They know. Torrey, I really liked your statement. Thank you very much. You were right to remove the one that was raising cain. I do believe that this hearing ought to go on. You should have told these various people that came to see you to take it back to the district instead of not signing the funds to be re-opened. So, now you know how it feels. Congratulations. Thank you. Oh yeah, one more thing. If a non-tribal member is in here raising -----, you should have him removed too.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Ok. So, we’ll ask Ron Big Back. If Ron Big Back is unable to serve, any recommendations for an advocate? Just need someone to keep order. Curtis Elkshoulder?

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Yeah.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Be it further resolved that the Hearing Officer shall receive compensation upon completion of the findings. Be it further resolved that effective upon passage, the President be immediately stripped of administrative powers until a decision on the removal is issued. Be it finally resolved that the Tribal Council directs the Tribal Secretary to process the resolution today, February 20, 2024. That’s my motion.

A MOTION TO SET REMOVAL HEARING ON COMPLAINT AGAINST THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT.

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	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #12 – NCDC ANNUAL REPORT

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Melissa, we lost quorum. She's gonna go to here office. Walk her down and then she'll be right back.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Ok. Eva don't feel good so Norma is gonna take her and be right back. This item doesn't even need action so we can go ahead and proceed.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: Yeah.

LAFE HAUGEN: Pevawuanat everyone. Thanks for having us today. All the reports, for the most part, they're pretty self-explanatory. I just kind of want to hit on the highlights if it's ok with the Tribal Council. Some of the stuff that we're currently working on, we shared this at our last meeting, the master plan for the campground and RV park out at Tongue River. So, that's been finalized. So, what we're working on now is we're working on a business plan to present to the council which will also include some investors. So, in order to proceed with that we need to get this business plan done and then, of course, approval from the Tribal Council. So, all that will be forthcoming here. The other thing that we're working on too is the expansion of the Cheyenne Depot 2 in Ashland. This last year, we noticed an influx of visitors, hunters, and all those people that are coming through Montana during the summer and into the fall. So, with the space that we have over there we're working on expanding the depot to possibly include vendors. Tribal vendors that would be able to sell things over there; gifts, blankets, Cheyenne stuff. So, that's what we're working on now. We're in contact Major Robinson, who's one of our own Tribal members who's going to assist us with the preliminary designs. So, we're working on that as well. Then we're also looking to add, re-add diesel pumps. Those pumps were removed in the past, prior to this board coming on board. So, we're looking at expanding and also bringing back our diesel pumps. As we reported on last time, the place across the street from Cheyenne Depot 2, Western Pump. Preliminarily in our meetings with the owner of Western, Jamie Stevenson, he did note to us that once he gets his, he has a guy come in, take a look at it, see what it's worth, an appraisal. We're looking at working with him to try and purchase that property which includes the motel as well. Again, when it gets to that phase, we'll approach the tribal council and see if that's something that the councils wish for us to do. Mini mall office space, again, we're working with Major. We're looking at phase two of that project which is adding more space for businesses but more importantly we're looking at an addition of a museum. Working with the societies and our headsmen. There're quite a few artifacts that people are wanting to give back to the Tribe. So, in order to receive those, we have to have a place that can store them. That was phase 2 originally of the mini mall in addition to our building more office space. One of the other things that we're working on, we have a meeting with the developers at the REZ Conference, which is next month in Las Vegas. They're looking at this mini home project. If we can build the homes, they'll buy them. They'll ship them all over the country. So, there's that. We're in the preliminary stages. Once we meet with these people, we'll begin to understand what they want from us and what this is entails. Attached is all the information we have about our policies and procedures. There's this one thing that I do want to note to the Tribal Council and it passed at our last meeting. The board approved a contract with Donna Denker and Associates, who is an auditor out of Rapid City. She has since downsized. She sold her office space. It's just herself and one auditor and after reviewing all their information, we felt like it was too big of a task for them to do with their limited resources. We reached out to

Whipley again. They provided a terms and agreement. We just signed the engagement letter two weeks ago. They noted that they did do work for the tribe and our audit would be a supplemental to the tribe. So, they have all the information now and now they'll be giving us a schedule of how this is gonna happen. The deal with Donna Denker, I'm not sure why that didn't work out but we've been corresponding with her for months. So, we did sign, like I said, we did sign an agreement letter with Whipley so that is on the horizon.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: So, how far behind are the audits?

LAFE HAUGEN: NCDC has never had an audit.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Never had an audit.

LAFE HAUGEN: Never had an audit. In our meeting with Whipley, they said because the businesses are so small, it's really actually a pretty easy audit. We think this audit will go well because Kassie Pimley, the accounting firm down in Colstrip. They've done our financials for years. So, all of the information is correct and up to date. That's really what this audit will entail. You know, those financials.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE: But you have to have all this other stuff that's in here.

LAFE HAUGEN: So, we have to we have all the policies in place that they requested. The personnel. Everything. The Bylaws. All that stuff is there and they did receive a box of information. So, we're just waiting on them now to give us the green light and we're going to proceed.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Any other questions?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I think we need time to review. I would like to review and get back together with the board.

LAFE HAUGEN: Yup.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Alright. Sounds good.

LAFE HAUGEN: Thank you.

R.D. BAILEY: Madam President, I would like to say a couple comments, if that's ok.

PRESIDENT WETHERELT: Sure.

R.D. BAILEY: My name is R.D. Bailey and I am from Busby. Former councilman. The thing is, it's good that the council at least gave you the opportunity for your side to be heard at a later time. When I served on the council there was a complaint for my removal. The council, that day, removed me when I was on travel. When I came back they said I wasn't a Councilman

anymore so I came straight to the executive side and I questioned the late Terry. Oh no, not Terry. Yeah, Leroy Spang. He had the resolution and he was gonna sign it and expedite it down to the BIA. They totally side stepped me and didn't even want to hear what I had to say. They already voted on it, had the resolution. It was already on its way to the BIA. It was a good thing that I went in there and I stuck up for myself like how you did this morning or right now. The late Leroy Spang ended up tearing that resolution up and providing a veto indicating that my due process rights, that I have every opportunity to be heard that is inconsistent language with the constitution of our nation. There's a protective barrier that should protect all of these officers here in the circle because I and the late Steve Chestnut worked on an amendment to the hearing ordinance. That amendment protects all of you because of arbitrary reasoning to try to remove an officer. Just like what they're using right now, this veto stuff. But, it's to me, it's flimsy. That should be an internal matter that can be resolved within your circle, not to try to get back at you as the leader of our Tribe. I think that that amendment is ignored right now. It's still it's alive. Nobody has ever went on record to try to get rid of that amendment that I and the late Steve Chestnut did. You have to have facts. Factual evidence against one of you to remove you. Then it takes eight of you, 8 of you supermajority to move it to a hearing. To actually move it to a hearing. So, what should have been done is their reasoning for this veto stuff, each one of these representatives should of took that complaint and read through it and decided on their own if there's merit to the complaint. Then if there's eight of them that says yes there is merit to the complaint then they do what they did today. Then they schedule all this stuff and they pick their people. That's how it's supposed to be but it's never like that first. It's always a gray area that's interpreted by the circle here. But all of us are bound by the black and white on the outside of this circle. So, why do our leaders go by the grey area and all of us have to go by black and white? You guys say you go by black and white but you don't because the late Steve Chestnut said the council can do whatever they want. So, it's up to you individually to see how much integrity you actually have to represent us. Look at all this stuff we just heard about. No audits from our business arm. What's going on? Just like what some of us said out here, what are you guys doing for us? Nothing. Small homes. All those ones are boarded up out there. Can't even keep up. Nobody wants to work, pass a drug test. None of that stuff. Nobody wants to be held accountable. It doesn't make any sense.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I have a question RD. Do you know who holds those people accountable? Do you know the chain of command and who holds those people accountable? Who's suppose to hold those people accountable?

R.D. BAILEY: Why do I gotta answer you?

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I'm just asking question. You can refuse to answer me.

R.D. BAILEY: I'm not stupid.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: I'm not trying to make you look stupid. I'm just asking you a simple question for everybody else in the room and everybody on the live.

R.D. BAILEY: We do. We do.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: She does. She's the supervisor. She's the supervisor of Housing. Which we took the word antonymous out of the ordinance so that we had power to make decisions down there to get these houses going and get Housing situated. She's now the supervisor of Rodney Trahan.

R.D. BAILEY: That's how it should be.

COUNCILMAN DAVIE: And we did that so don't come in here and say we haven't done anything man. With all do respect, please do not say that. RD, I've worked my ass off for you guys. They have worked their ass off for you guys.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Hey. Hey. Hey.

R.D. BAILEY: There's nothing in Busby. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: We have a quorum. We'll go on with number 13.

R.D. BAILEY: But, that's what I want to tell you Madam President. That I believe that one of these four years, we'll get it right. One of these staggered terms, we should be able to get it right for us. For them to use something like that against you is pretty flimsy. I was a part of your administration for a short time and one of the main complaints from the past is that the President doesn't ever administer properly, who the President is responsible for, the executive office. I've seen your leadership and I can vouch for you today that you make sure that all your program directors are accountable.

ITEM #13 – FY'24 DOMESTICE VIOLENCE SHELTER & SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT

BUSTER LEIDER: Good morning. Thanks for having me here today. I have a resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council supporting and authorizing submission of an application for funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by the Healing Hearts Department for the Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services/Grants to Native American Tribes and Tribal Organizations.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Before I vote, Buster, I just want to thank you for presenting this today and I appreciate your ambition.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) BY THE HEALING HEARTS DEPARTMENT FOR THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES/GRANTS TO NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (INCLUDING ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES) AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #14 – CDKC BOARD

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: I am the liaison for Chief Dull Knife College and the board, at the moment, is a nonfunctioning board. This resolution was drafted by legal and there was discussion with the accreditation and BIE regarding this change here and this will not adversely affect the college accreditation. My motion is to pass a resolution suspending Chief Dull Knife College board members Barbara Clubfoot and Jacqueline Tang pending investigation into the governance of CDKC.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: I just have a question. Do we have the authority to do this?

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yes. It’s actually, somewhat, at the request of the accreditation due to the investigation that’s pending.

COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU: So, it just pending? The investigation.

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: Yes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL SUSPENDING CHIEF DULL KNIFE COLLEGE (CDKC) BOARD MEMBERS BARBARA CLUBFOOT AND JACQUELINE TANG PENDING INVESTIGATION INTO THE GOVERNANCE OF CDKC

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Torrey Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			

Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote				X
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President				X
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #15 – DEPT. OF REVENUE GRANT APPLICATION

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: This is a resolution authorizing the submission of the FY24 Tribal Business Development Grant through the Montana Department of Commerce. Funds will support craft center renovations and business planning. This is the resolution that had a deadline date or the grant application had a deadline date that wasn't met so we had to send a letter with this but that's my motion.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY24 TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT THROUGH THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. FUNDS WILL SUPPORT CRAFT CENTER RENOVATIONS AND BUSINESS PLANNING

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			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #16 – ENROLLMENT

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: An ordinance of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving and granting the request for Northern Cheyenne membership through adoption and there are twelve (12). That is my motion.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF TWELVE (12) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: I'd like to make a motion to approve one automatic.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF ONE (1) INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approving and granting name changes for two (2) members on the Northern Cheyenne membership rolls. That is my motion.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR TWO (2) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.

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			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: An ordinance of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council relating to the relinquishment of three (3) individuals from the Northern Cheyenne rolls. That is my motion.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			
Norma Gourneau	X			
Eva Foote				X
Nizhoni Friesz	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President				X

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

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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JENNIFER SPANG: We have a petition to revise the constitution and in that constitution to the revision it says every single one you guys here and we would like you guys to approve it so we don't have to have secretarial election. We have it and we are ready to move on it so we would like to be put on the agenda Serena. They are trying to take your powers away and that's wrong so we're asking that it go back to stipend pay. These people got 10 percent from each district to sign it. You guys are doing nothing for us. In each district, there's nothing. I just came from Birney. It's still the same. Only one that tries to do something is Ernest. Busby. I just drove through Busby. There's nothing there. Still the same. I'm in Lane Deer right now. I drove around. Nothing. Ashland. Nothing. So, in the process of removing her, remove yourselves or we are going to remove you.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Motion on the floor to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

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			

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

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 1 abstention on this 18th day of March 2024.



Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe