

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

SPECIAL SESSION

MINUTES
March 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

INVOCATION: Nizhoni Friesz

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette <i>*appeared telephonically</i>	X		
Norma Gourneau <i>*appeared telephonically</i>	X		
Eva Foote		X	X
Nizhoni Friesz <i>*acting Sargent at Arms</i>	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President <i>*appeared telephonically</i>	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher <i>*appeared telephonically</i>	X		
Total:	11	1	1

Quorum Established

ELDERLY

No updates at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

MOTION TO ADD ITEM TO THE AGENDA – ACCEPT FUNDS TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melissa Lonebear	X			
Debra Charette	X			

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

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A MOTION TO ADD THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BUFFALO MANAGEMENT.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	1 vote No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: Item #1

Kayla Grinsell: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing and approving an updated scope of work and extension of the Northern Cheyenne Board of Health contract with Indigenous Pact.

WHEREAS, the health of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s people is of the utmost importance and the Tribe has always strived to take a leading role in addressing the health issues of our people; and

WHEREAS, effective May 10, 2021, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Indigenous Pact entered into a Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work # 1, approved by NCT Resolution DOI – 101 (2021), under which Indigenous Pact conducted a feasibility study for providing dialysis services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health Commissioners have approved and recommend Tribal Council approval of an extension of the contract with Indigenous Pact for an additional year for the purpose of updating the feasibility study conducted in 2021; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and approves an extension of the Indigenous Pact Master Services Agreement and updated Statement of Work for the purpose of updating the feasibility study concerning providing dialysis services on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I will make that motion.

Councilman Davie: Second.

Councilwoman Friesz: I just want to add that March 21st is the dialysis meeting and we are just asking that Indigenous Pact be present. Some of the Tribal Council will be there to meet with Indigenous Pact.

Kayla Grinsell: Alright.

Councilwoman Fisher: What day is that?

Councilwoman Lonebear: The 21st.

Councilwoman Fisher: Ok.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN UPDATED SCOPE OF WORK AND EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE BOARD OF HEALTH CONTRACT WITH INDIGENOUS PACT.

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			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion: Item #2

Kayla Grinsell: A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing and approving an updated scope of work and extension of the Northern Cheyenne Board of Health contract with consultant Kenny Smoker.

WHEREAS, the health of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s people is of the utmost importance and the Tribe has always strived to take a leading role in addressing the health issues of our people; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Kenny Smoker entered into a Professional Services Agreement, approved by NCT Resolution DOI – 052 (2021), under which Mr. Smoker provided consulting services concerning school-based health programs and other community health programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health Commissioners have approved and recommend Tribal Council approval of an extension of the contract with Kenny Smoker for an additional year for the purpose of providing ongoing community health consulting services; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and approves an extension of the Professional Services Agreement with Kenny Smoker for the purpose of providing ongoing community health consulting services.

A RESOLUTION AND APPROVING AND UPDATED SCOPE OF WORK AND EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE BOARD OF HEALTH CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANT KENNY SMOKER.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Silver Little Eagle.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion: Item #3

Councilwoman Friesz – Acting Sargent at Arms: Item #3 – Norma Gourneau - accept funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to purchase field equipment.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Hi. Good morning. Thank you for putting this on the agenda. We have a resolution that was presented at the last meeting and all it is accepting around \$64,000.00 dollars that the BIA has so generously given to the Tribe to purchase some equipment that Land Board has. We will be able to provide new equipment. That resolution would authorize the Tribe to purchase equipment so that the Land Board to continue our land operations. So, with that I would like to make a motion to approve that resolution accepting funding from BIA for approximately \$64,000.00 dollars.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I'll second that motion.

Councilwoman Charette: Just letting you know that Ernest left the meeting.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO PURCHASE FIELD EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST WITH LAND MANAGEMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION.

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 <i>*left meeting at 10:21 a.m.</i>				X
Torrey Davie	X			
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Discussion: Item #4

Councilwoman Lonebear: Ok, so for the buffalo management. I drafted a resolution yesterday. It's to make a change from the traditional Military Societies to the Land Board for the management. That's my motion.

Councilman Davie: I'll second it.

Councilwoman Charette: Melissa, do we have to rescind that other resolution?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Yeah, the language is in the draft.

Councilwoman Charette: Oh ok.

Councilwoman Lonebear: It states that it rescinds it in its entirety and to make the change.

Councilwoman Charette: Ok.

Secretary Redstar: The change from Military Societies to Land Authority?

Councilwoman Fisher: So, it'll be from the Grazing Board, correct?

Councilwoman Lonebear: Yes.

Councilwoman Charette: Land Board.

Councilwoman Lonebear: Land Board.

Councilwoman Fisher: Ok.

Councilwoman Gourneau: Just for your information, that was Eva's resolution.

Councilwoman Charette: Yeah.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. DOI – 074 (2020) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND
AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF THE BUFFALO HERD
MANAGEMENT FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRADITIONAL MILITARY
SOCIETIES TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE LAND BOARD.**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Torrie Davie.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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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			

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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 10:23 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 11 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions on this 17th day of April 2023.


 Edina Redstar, Secretary
 Northern Cheyenne Tribe