

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

REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES
May 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

INVOCATION: Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau <i>*entered chambers @ 9:18 am</i>	X		
Eva Foote		X	
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Silver Little Eagle		X	
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	10	2	

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilwoman Fisher: Ashland District had their Mother's Day meal and bingo. It was a success. Want to thank the THIP Program.

Councilman Limberhand: We will be rebuilding the rodeo grounds tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. Will be feeding anyone who comes out to help. There will also be a challenge game Wednesday with Board of Health. Board of Health has 2 teams. It'll be 6 p.m. at the softball fields at People's Park.

Councilwoman Lonebear: If you need raffle tickets, they can be picked up from Alicia Cano.

DISCUSSION: ITEM #1 – MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 1, 2023.

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 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DISCUSSION: ITEMS #2 – INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Charette: We have a resolution before you. My motion is:

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a substantial buffalo herd and would benefit from membership in the Intertribal Buffalo Council, which has an annual fee of \$1,000;

WHEREAS, to facilitate participation in the Intertribal Buffalo Council, a Tribal representative should be appointed; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe shall join the Intertribal Buffalo Council by paying the annual fee each year, which currently is \$1,000; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Tribal representative to the Intertribal Buffalo Council shall be Brandon Small.

That’s my motion.

Councilwoman Lonebear: I’ll second it.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO JOIN THE INTERTRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL APPOINTING BRANDON SMALL AS THE TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonbear

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 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 Talawyma	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:22 A.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 1 abstention on this 5th day of June 2023.



Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe