

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**  
June 5, 2023

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

**INVOCATION:** Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Debra Charette.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b> <i>*entered chambers @ 9:16 am</i>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Torrey Davie</b> <i>*entered chambers @ 9:16 am</i>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Serena Wetherelt, President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b> <i>*entered chambers @ 9:15 am</i>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Nizhoni Friesz</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	

Quorum Established  
**RECESS AT 9:19 A.M.**

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**9:20 A.M. - START THE PERMANENT FUND MEETING**

**DISCUSSION:**

**LYNN CARAVEAU:** My name is Lynn Caraveau. Good to see some familiar faces and some new faces. I am the new relationship manager with First Interstate Wealth Management. You are all very well familiar with Paul McKean as your portfolio manager and Hannah Wager is back in the corner there as the day to day and making sure Paul and I are doing our jobs. We brought one our new employees, Shauntah. This is her 3<sup>rd</sup> day with us but she will be doing some of the same role as what Hannah does for some of our other customers. We invited her to just experience this with you guys. Thank you for having us here. The intention is that we are here to do a quarterly review on the permanent fund that we manage for you so I am going to hand it over to Paul who will take it from here.

**PAUL McKEAN:** Thank you Lynn. I don't know all of you but look forward to getting to know you. We've been managing money for the permanent fund for over 20 years now and I've been part of the relationship working with the permanent fund board for the last 15 years. The presentation today contains a lot of information about what's going on in the economy and the markets. How the investments are positioned, how they performed. There's a memo at the very front of your packet of recommendations that we are bringing to you as the permanent fund board for changes to the investments. The way we work with you is as an investment consultant. We operate within the provisions of the permanent fund but we just bring recommendations to you as the permanent fund board as to how the investments should be positioned and we ask that you all approved any of those changes that are in the memo.

Mr. McKean starts to give an overview of the Economic & Portfolio Review packet.

**COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:** If I could interrupt really quick. We will need to open up the Permanent Fund Meeting before we get started.

**ROLL CALL:**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Debra Charette.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Norma Gourneau</b> *entered chambers @ 9:20 am		<b>X</b>	
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Torrey Davie</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Serena Wetherelt, President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Nizhoni Friesz</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	

Quorum Established

Mr. McKean continues with the overview of the Economic & Portfolio Review packet.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW TARGET ALLOCATIONS FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY FIRST INTERSTATE BANK.**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Nizhoni Friesz</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Torrey Davie</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN PERMANENT FUND MEETING**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:44 A.M.**

**9:44 A.M. – RECONVENE THE REGULAR SCHEDULED TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**DISCUSSION: ITEM #2 ON THE AGENDA – INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE UPDATE**

**CAPT. DAMION KILLSBACK:** Updates given on the following items:

- \*Staffing
  - \*Physical Therapist - Resigned
  - \*Supervisory Physical Therapist – should be starting soon.
  - \*Optometry – Patients are still being referred to Crow.
- \*Flooring Project – Just about complete. 2 more rooms need to be completed.
- \*Billings Clinic – Discussions on if the Tribe uses that facility. Mainly use St. Vincents.
- \*Dialysis Center – Discussions on the progress. Possibility of modular units being used.

\*Syphilis Cases – Cases have gone down since the outbreak but there is still a huge concern due to all the events that are coming up in the communities.

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## **DISCUSSION: ITEM #3 ON THE AGENDA – BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS UPDATE**

**SUPT. ANDREW WERK:** Updates on the following items:

- \*Richard Springs Fire
- \*Probate: Business as usual with 18 cases heard.
- \*Realty: TAAMS Lockbox up to date. Keeping it cleared out. Working on expiring Right of Ways. 200 Letters went out. Continue to work on compliancy. Regular business as far as homesites, land sales or farm pasture leases.
- \*Right of ways & Broadband – High priority. Need to be more responsive. President has External hard drive with all right of ways on it. TSR's are also on there.
- \*Self-Determination – \$1.7 million sitting in Treasury. \$1.2 of that is FY 23 funds And about 500 thousand of that is FY 22 funding. Stongly encourage the Tribe To draw those funds down. As long as the funds are sitting in Treasury, the Tribe is not receiving interest for those funds. Processing Resolutions. Re-contracting of 638 Programs. Just a friendly reminder, the Single Audit Report due June 30, 2023.
- \*Range – We did go through the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Continuing to process invoices for that. 2<sup>nd</sup> round closed Friday. Applications from 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be sent to Grazing Board. Going to be having a 3<sup>rd</sup> round for sure. We did have orientation with the Grazing Board on May 18, 2023. It went really well. Definitely a need for updates to the ordinance.
- \*Social Services – Continue to have a heavy work load. No General Assistance (GA) due to funding. Continue to work with families on re-unification.
- \*Fire – There have been 8 fires this year. 2 by lightning and 6 are human caused. 45 AD's signed up that are getting fire ready. Rookie school next week. Readiness Review going on this week at the Agency. Prevention review last week. It went really well. Encourage folks in the community to be safe.

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** Send out another reminder that the fire restriction has not been lifted. Ceremonial fires will be ok.

- \*Facilities – Youth Correction Center: New well is being drilled and should be done by the end of the month. Also, the roof replacement for the Youth Correction Center is out for bid. I'll keep you folks updated on that. I know it's been a priority for the Tribe.
- \*Vacancies – We are making some progress. 1 Range Technician position that came out of classification and is at recruitment now. That should be advertised soon. Realty Assistant position that will be re-advertised soon. Forester position in Forestry will be advertised soon. 3 Social Services Rep. positions will be advertised soon. The 2 social workers that were hired should be starting this month. Also have a staff assistant position for executive

direction that will be submitted to classification for recruitment this week.  
Trying to get emergency hire for custodial work. Realty Officer position and Deputy Superintendent position. Trying to get that moving along also.

- \*Clean up day – Held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Went really well.
- \*Pathway student here this month. GIS related. Will work with myself.
- \*Tongue River water users association meeting in Miles City last Thursday. Will meet Jason Whiteman and Jeanne Whiting for discussion on the water rights.

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#### **DISCUSSION: ITEM #4 ON THE AGENDA – ELDERLY UPDATE**

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:** No updates for Elderly except for the freezer situation. Housing said that once the weather clears, the guy who was working on the walk-in freezer would be back to finish up.

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#### **DISCUSSION: ITEM #5 ON THE AGENDA – DISTRICT UPDATES**

**RYHAL ROWLAND - Muddy District Chair:** Updates given on the following items:

- \*Haven't been able to give an update since before Christmas.
- \*Had a pizza party, ornament making, hot cocoa bar, popcorn, candy, movie, door prizes and an ugly sweater contest.
- \*District wants to know how much we got to renovate the hall.
- \*Would like an update on the play ground and basketball courts.
  - Councilwoman Charette informed her each district was given a budget of \$50,000.
- \*Purchased a lot of stuff for our hall; cornhole, horse shoes. We do have a screen and Projector. Kids can go hang out there in the evening from 6-9 p.m. Working on that.
- \*Would like an updated list of boards and commissions.
  - Councilwoman Charette will have a list out by the end of the week.
- \*HAF Program – No correspondence or notification if application has been approved.
- \*When will the Board of Health be advertised back to the people? As the people's board.
  - No discussion on it yet.

**SHELDON KING – Busby District Chair:** Updates given on the following items:

- \*Getting ready for White River Days. Need additional funding. We have \$5,000 but need a total of \$29,000. Norma has \$11,000 left over from last year. We will get \$2,000 from NCTHA. It is in the bank. The pow wow will be June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. The run will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the site. Our main concern is that we have enough funding.
- \*Reminder to or Busby Reps, our meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. We would love for you guys to come give an update.
- \*Planning our Father's Day event. Will be having a BBQ.

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#### **MOTION TO ADD THE CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT TO THE AGENDA.**

Motion made by Silver Little Eagle. 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			

11 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**MOTION TO ADD ENROLLMENT TO THE AGENDA.**

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			

11 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #6 – BUDGETS**

**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:** The first one will be with the program budgets FY’ 2023. I would like to strike 136. It has a wrong amount that will be corrected. The treasurer and accountants are working on that now. If we pass this, please mark off 136. It’s just a minor error but it needs to be corrected before we pass it on the floor.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN**

**BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS, STRIKING 136 FROM THE RESOLUTION.**

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

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

**Program Budgets FY 2023**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
450	JOM	\$ 302,484.10
330G	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$ 585,730.26
860	FEMA	\$2,359,283.00
830G	ARPA/PHR	\$1,409,164.05
603-999	LIHEAP	\$ 125,474.40
281	LEASE COMPLIANCE	\$ 77,639.00
421	FOOD DISTRIBUTION	\$ 272,724.00
116	ROSEBUD LODGE	\$ 318,828.87
656	TRIBAL COURT	\$1,438,473.10
529	HEALING HEART	\$ 450,000.00
916	VETERAN'S BENEFIT	\$ 2,000.00
330B	HEALTH PROMOTION	\$ 464,341.54
830M	INCIDENT COMMAND	\$ 631,326.61
830H	ARPA REVENUE LOSS	\$2,735,099.33
830B	ARPA-PROGRAM PLANNING	\$2,612,704.61
815	HAF PLAN	\$2,237,602.00
354G	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY COLLECTION	\$ 607,220.05
724	WIC	\$ 133,151.52
389	THIP	\$6,000,000.00
329	SPECIAL DIABETES PRG.FOR IND.	\$ 595,755.00
747	HEALTH PROMOTIONS PREP	\$ 25,724.45
727	HP TOBACCO	\$ 93,268.57
830L	ARPA-BLDG/INFRASTRUCTURE	\$5,385,171.35
341A	LIHEAP	\$ 48,727.50

That is my motion.

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			

<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN  
BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

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

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

**Program Budgets FY23**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
790	RICHARD SPRINGS RANGE PROJECT	\$66,544.62
108	LAND BOARD	\$2,053,651.00
NEW	CHILD CARE	\$32,143.00
377	ELDERLY	\$187,300.00
366	ELDERLY	\$433,220.00
197	THPO	\$798,318.55
631	ROSEBUD LODGE	\$1,231,997.30

That's my motion.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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



<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**COUNCILWOMAN CHARETTE:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN  
BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

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

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

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
787	EDA	\$182,917.44

That's my motion.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #7 ON THE AGENDA – MINUTES**

**MOTION TO PASS THE MINUTES FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 15, 2023.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	X			

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstention(s)</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO TABLE ITEM #8 ON THE AGENDA – CENTER FOR INDIAN COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #9 – SMILES ACROSS MONTANA – KIM DAHLE**

**KIM DAHLE:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SMILES ACROSS MONTANA (SAM) TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BASED DENTAL SERVICES TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATION**

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to the current Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement has been approved expanding the Tribal Board of Health’s services to include comprehensive, high quality healthcare to the people of the Northern Cheyenne Nation in school settings, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Board of Health’s school-based services will include dental care and screening to assure optimal health of the people of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, and

**WHEREAS**, Smiles Across Montana or “SAM” currently partners with the Northern Cheyenne Head Start Program, Lame Deer Public Schools, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School to provide students access to basic dental screenings, and

**WHEREAS**, Smiles Across Montana is a non-profit organization certified by the State of Montana and which complies with all federal and state regulations governing such organizations, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s Financial Policies, Section 1 (A) (3), Competition, Non-competitive Procurement, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal President is empowered to approve a contract when a sole source award is permissible under the funding agency for non-competitive proposals; and, under Section 5(b) Procurement by Non-Competitive, contracts over \$100,000.00 must be approved with the signature of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal President, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s Plan of Operations, Finance Policies on Sole Source, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby approves a sole-source contract with Smiles Across Montana to compensate the organization for providing school-based dental services as outlined in the attached proposal, “Smiles Across Montana Proposal for a School Based Clinic With Northern Cheyenne Tribe”, to which a proposal and contract is attached and incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

**WHEREAS**, contract payments shall be made based on invoices by the contractor sent to the Tribal Health Director, who shall ensure payment (from Tribal Health funds) is made after inspection of work is completed, and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council further recognizes that for this project, time is of the essence and the sole source is allowable and supported by Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health, and chooses to sole-source professional services for this scope of work as the provider is uniquely qualified and situated to provide these services to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and

**WHEREAS**, The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, has determined that based upon Smiles Across Montana’s proposal to partner in providing care, the agreement with Smiles Across Montana is fair and reasonable, and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council desires to approve the Community and School-based Dental Services Contract with Smiles Across Montana.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council approves a sole source contract with Smiles Across Montana for community and school-based dental services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby designates the Tribal Health Director to administer this contract.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #10 – PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION PILOT PROGRAM**

**CURTIS ELKSHOULDER, JR.:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL BOARD OF HEALTH TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION PILOT PROGRAM (P4) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE UNDER FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER HHS-2023-HIS-PPPP-0001.**

**WHEREAS**, the Produce Prescription Pilot Program (P4) is a federally funded Cooperative Agreement program by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (Indian Health Services) which will provide an opportunity to engage Tribal communities in addressing food insecurity and decreasing the risk for diet related illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health desires to accomplish the goals of this Produce Prescription Pilot Program by implementing the following objectives: 1.) Reduce food insecurity, 2.) Improve overall dietary health by increasing fruit, vegetables, and traditional food consumption. 3.) Improve healthcare outcomes for Type II diabetics and individuals with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or greater.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe hereby authorizes the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Board of Health to submit an application for the Produce Prescription Pilot Program from the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$500,000.00 per year for 5 years to increase access to fresh fruits, vegetables and traditional foods, reduce food insecurity and improve health care outcomes for Type 2 Diabetics and Individuals with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or Greater on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe agrees to sign the required documentation required for the grant application and to receive manage and oversee the grant funds.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Torrey Davie.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #11 – STATE TRIBAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (STEP) GRANT**

**NORMA BIXBY:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A STATE OF MONTANA TRIBAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (STEP) GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 2023 ON BEHALF OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>1 vote(s) No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #12 – ANIMAL & PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) WILDLIFE SERVICES (WA)**

**JASON WHITEMAN:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR FIVE YEARS BETWEEN NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS) FOR SERVICES PERFORMED ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION**

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>1 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #13 – APPOINTING EX OFFICIO TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO CDKC BOARD**

**COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR:** I was notified that the Ex-Officio position has not been appointed for quite some time. I am interested in serving as the Ex-Officio for the college.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPOINTING EX-OFFICIO TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MELISSA LONEBEAR, TO THE CHIEF DULL KNIFE COLLEGE BOARD**

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			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	1 Abstention(s)	Motion Carried
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #14 – DESIGNATE JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH**

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
DESIGNATING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ2S+ community (which means lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, Two-Spirit, and the “+” acknowledges other identities that are not included) has suffered from many forms of mistreatment;

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ2S+ community includes Two-spirit (also known as two spirit, 2S, or twospirited), which is an umbrella term for Native people who have both male and female spirits and acknowledges different gender identities present among Native people of North America;

**WHEREAS**, the Cheyenne language includes a specific term for Two-spirit persons, which is *Neše ’evootsetane*, meaning half man, half woman;

**WHEREAS**, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community continue to face discrimination, intolerance, and hate;

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ2S+ individuals, in particular our youth, when compared to their peers are far more likely to experience violence and bullying at school; to suffer from depression; to struggle with substance use; and to have attempted suicide;

**WHEREAS**, many tribal and non-tribal governments and organizations have recognized June as Pride Month, for the purposes of honoring the movement for LGBTQ2S+ rights and celebrating LGBTQ2S+ culture;

**WHEREAS**, to recognize the historical challenges of the LGBTQ2S+ and Two-spirit community, to strongly support and promote the rights of the LGBTQ2S+ and the Two-spirit community, to strongly encourage all members and especially the youth to positively self-identify, and to celebrate the LGBTQ2S+ and Two-spirit culture, the Tribal Council wishes to formally recognize

June of each year as LGBTQ2S+ Pride Month (or simply “Pride Month”) on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation;

**WHEREAS**, by formally recognizing June as Pride Month, the Tribal Council joins forces with many other tribal and non-tribal governments and organizations across the United States and the world that officially support the rights of the LGBTQ2S+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, by formally recognizing June as Pride Month, the Tribal Council intends to foster the just, fair, equal treatment and unlimited acceptance of the LGBTQ2S+ community on and off the Reservation each June and throughout each year; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe hereby designates and supports the month of June each year as Pride Month on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe affirms its support for LGBTQ2S+ persons among our membership and stands with them to protect their civil rights and their ability to live openly and without fear;

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribe urges all members, residents and visitors to build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance, promote positive self-identity among the youth, and support Two-spirit people – during this month and every month.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>1 vote(s) No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #15 – RE-CONTRACTING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS FROM THE DOI-BIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.**

**PRESIDENT WETHERELT:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE RE-CONTRACTING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS FROM THE  
DOI-BUREAU OF INDIANAFFAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.**



**WHEREAS**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has contracted through the authorities of P.L. 93-638, as amended, various program and functions (listed below) from the Department of the Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs; now,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, hereby authorizes the submission of scopes of work, budgetary information, and other pertinent documents to re-contract the following programs and functions from the Department of the Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and that said agreements or contracts authorized under P.L. 93-638, as amended, shall be entered into. Said listings includes, but is not limited to the following:

Prosecution, Tribal Court, Fire Protection, Job Placement, Johnson O’Malley, Scholarships, Natural Resources, Wildlife & Parks, Youth Work Learn, Water Resources, Tribal Management & Development, Forest Development, Housing Improvement Program, Rosebud Lodge, Tribal Services, Indian Child Welfare Act, Northern Cheyenne Criminal Investigation Services, and Road Maintenance.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Melissa Lonebear.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 vote(s) No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #16 – CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT**

**COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S.  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A CLIMATE POLLUTION  
REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is administering a program under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) call the “Climate Pollution Reduction

Grant” (CPRG), program which provides federal funding for governmental organizations, including tribes, to empower them to take climate action;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the CPRG program is to provide funding to address climate pollution and deliver clean energy, which dovetails with the Tribe’s goals of protecting the natural world, reducing the impacts of climate change, and pursuing sustainable energy opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, in awarding the grant, EPA must ensure that no less than 40% of the benefits of the program are delivered to economically disadvantaged communities, such as the Northern Cheyenne Tribal community, and to facilitate pollution reduction plans that will provide new workforce training and address environmental injustices in those communities;

**WHEREAS**, the CPRG program has two distinct but related phases:

planning grants: \$250 million for eligible entities to develop plans to reduce climate pollution, of which EPA has set aside \$25 million for federally recognized Tribes and Tribal consortia; and

implementation grants: \$4.6075 billion for grants to implement measures from the pollution reduction plans developed with planning grant funding.

**WHEREAS**, obtaining a planning grant is a prerequisite to obtaining an implementation grant;

**WHEREAS**, the CPRG planning grant, is a noncompetitive grant, provides tribes up to \$500,000, and requires no matching funds;**WHEREAS**, the funding would allow the Tribe to hire staff and consultants to bolster its administrative capacity and tools to carry out climate initiatives, facilitate community engagement and Tribal member input, and put the Tribe in a position to obtain the much larger CPRG implementation grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council wishes to submit a CPRG grant application to create a climate pollution action plan with the further intent to implement the plan once it is created and pursue additional grant funds to assist therewith; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council approves and authorizes the submission of a CPRG grant application to EPA on behalf of the Tribe and approves, authorizes and instructs the Tribal President to work with the Tribal staff and attorneys to sign and submit the proposal on behalf of the Tribe and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	X			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	X			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>	X			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	X			
<b>Nizhoni Friesz</b>	X			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	X			
<b>Torrey Davie</b>	X			
<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	X			

<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DISCUSSION: ITEM #17 - ENROLLMENT**

**WALLACE BEARCHUM:**

**ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING THE REQUEST FOR NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ADOPTION OF FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE AMENDED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND GRANTING NAME CHANGES FOR NINE (9) MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Torrey Davie.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Melissa Lonebear</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Norma Gourneau</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Nizhoni Friesz</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Torrey Davie</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>Donavin Limberhand</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Silver Little Eagle</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Gwen Spottedhorse</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Melissa Fisher</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE.**

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Gwen Spottedhorse.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Fisher.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

<b>11 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED @ 12:05 P.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 0 abstention on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.



Edina Redstar, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe