

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES
June 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President Donna Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

INVOCATION: Diane Spotted Elk

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Lane Spotted Elk	X		
Debra Charette *Joined later via teleconference @ 10:41 a.m.			X
Norma Gourneau *Joined later via teleconference @ 10:41 a.m.			X
Eva Foote *Teleconference from 10:23a.m. – 10:38 a.m.—Joined in person remainder of session	X		
Phillip Beckman	X		
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X		
Donna Fisher, President	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Diane Spotted Elk	X		
Gwen Talawyma	X		
Silver Little Eagle			X
Henry Speelman	X		
Total:	11		1

Quorum Established

Kyle Alderman entered session via Zoom @ 10:24 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH EARTH ISLAND INSTITUTE

Kyle Alderman: Good morning, Councilmen, Leadership. So, this resolution accepts the donation for the Muddy Hall solar energy storage and water purification project. Also, it allows Covenant Solar Initiative (CSI) to help us with the buffalo pasture project. We're seeking another donation for a water pump for the buffalo. All consulting services are through the EMDP

Wind & Solar Grant that CSI is helping us with and that grant is going to help us produce a long-term plan to achieve energy sovereignty.

Lane Spotted Elk: I have a question, Kyle, this is Lane. When would the work potentially start on Muddy Hall? How soon are we talking?

Kyle Alderman: It's scheduled for June 28th.

Ryhal Rowland: They're moving in the 22nd. The powwow grounds and arbor.

Eva Foote left session via teleconference @ 10:30 a.m.

Council lost Quorum @ 10:30 a.m.

Eva Foote reentered session via teleconference @ 10:33 a.m.

Quorum Reestablished & Council Session Reconvened @ 10:33 a.m.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Absent for beginning of meeting				X
Norma Gourneau *Absent for beginning of meeting				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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APPROVAL OF DONATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Kyle Alderman: This second one is for the donation for the Muddy Hall project, and acknowledging that CSI will help us with the buffalo solar project.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Absent for beginning of meeting				X

Norma Gourneau *Absent for beginning of meeting				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Kyle Alderman: So, the White River Community Solar Project, I don't think that resolution is ready yet. We're still working on the contract and the budget details. As a recap on that project, we're adding residential pilot program to the project. In order for us to do that, we have to do a budget and sopo modification. We're pretty much there. A lot of the infrastructure jobs are seeing high increases in costs right now.

Melissa Fisher: Okay, we'll motion to table it, because it's not ready, right?

Kyle Alderman: Yeah, it's not ready.

Lane Spotted Elk: Could it be ready for the next meeting, Kyle?

Kyle Alderman: I think so. We'll do the resolution, but DOE is back-logged, so they probably won't get to it until, I think they told us October, to approve it. We should work towards approving it and have some working sessions, but we can make sure we take our time and do it right. There's still a lot of work we've gotta do before then. But we've gotta push it pretty hard. We can have some more discussions on it.

Eva Foote exited session via teleconference @ 10:37 a.m.

Eva Foote entered session @ 10:38 a.m.

MOTION TO TABLE: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT AWARD # DE-1E0000122 AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPER AND ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Absent for beginning of meeting				X
Norma Gourneau *Absent for beginning of meeting				X
Eva Foote	X			

Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Kyle Alderman: Néá'eše. Energy sovereignty is coming. Stay healthy, stay safe. Thank you.

Kyle Alderman exited session @ 10:41 a.m.

Norma Gourneau and Debra Charette entered session via teleconference @ 10:41 a.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. DOI-201 (1990), THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE LAND AUTHORITY COMMITTEE PLAN OF OPERATIONS

Lane Spotted Elk: Just real quick about the five on committee. I wonder if we can align it to some of our other committees where it's 4 plus the Chair.

Donna Fisher: A majority vote of committee?

Lane Spotted Elk: Yeah, under Quorum it says five committee members constitute a quorum. But the five is including the Chair, right?

Donna Fisher: Mm-hmm. So, the Chair will make quorum. But they're not allowed to vote.

Lane Spotted Elk: To be four committee members and then one Chair. Just so we can...

Donna Fisher: Yeah, so as we go, we can always end this. And under the second bullet of restrictions on the Land Authority, it used to be even if you couldn't get it, you were able to pass a resolution from the Council if you did have permits or anything that it was okay. But it was by resolution, just so there isn't a conflict of interest. So, if you want to put that in there. Or, by resolution.

Debra Charette: Also, I agree with Lane, if you lower that quorum. What he's saying. Only because this is our council committee and if that's what we want, then we should be able to go ahead and do that.

Donna Fisher: Yeah, you guys can fix it and, but you need to amend it as you go.

Melissa Fisher: But five would be right because you have ten council members. Any five would make a quorum.

Phillip Beckman: It's unspoken and understood that the five committee members includes the Chairman. We've done that in other meetings as well.

Lane Spotted Elk: So, maybe after it says, "quorum at any meeting, including the Chairman/Chairwoman." I think that could be an amendment we could make here.

Debra Charette: Yeah, that would work.

Phillip Beckman: Right after "five committee members," inject it right there, "including Vice or Chairman."

Serena Wetherelt: Well, actually, it's not really going to be a quorum because he doesn't vote and there's only going to be four.

Donna Fisher: But five makes a quorum. And if you're in a meeting, and that's half. Half of them. You're still just like this. I don't vote, but I still make the quorum.

Melissa Fisher: And that's the same way with Budget Finance. Five makes a quorum. The Chair doesn't vote.

Phillip Beckman: Unless there's a tie that needs to be broke.

Donna Fisher: If it needs to be amended or whatever, you guys can amend it. Whatever to fit your—

Melissa Fisher: I'll make that motion with the amendments.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE TRIBAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM, A P.L. 93-638 CONTRACT, AND THE LAND AUTHORITY

Diane Spotted Elk: So, with separation, there will be separate personnel.

Donna Fisher: Yes. So, these positions are already ready to be advertised for the Ag program. So, this is taking that so we can reflect these in the budget, so that will separate the budgets.

Ryhal Rowland: And the land is responsible for their own, right?

Donna Fisher: Yeah, the Land Committee will have a separate budget. We're just pulling the range program apart, away from the Land Committee, basically. It will be a stand alone 638 program. And it's already heading in a good direction. We should have permits done next week and get everything back on track.

Debra Charette: How many jobs are you advertising?

Donna Fisher: We're advertising four jobs. We reorganized to a Range Manager, a Range Tech, and two seasonal positions.

Debra Charette: Don't they already have range techs down there?

Donna Fisher: Yeah, we do.

Debra Charette: So, they will just move over?

Donna Fisher: They will reapply for their positions. And they'll be seasonal.

Debra Charette: And did that budget already come forward? Sorry, I'm coming in kind of late.

Donna Fisher: These resolutions will help us split the budget. The budgets will be reflected at the next Budget Finance meeting.

Melissa Fisher: Diane just asked her to rename the positions again.

Lane Spotted Elk: Would it be possible for the Council to receive organizational charts that will be developed, that way there will be clear lines of authority between Land Authority and how it interacts with the Range Program. I know this resolution will separate them, but there's still needing to be some working relationship between the two. That way, we can see those clear lines of supervision. And how the Grazing Board interacts and the Land Committee interacts with the staff.

Donna Fisher: Yep, okay.

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

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MOTION TO ADD ON: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL

Motion made by Serena Wetherelt. Second by Henry Speelman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Fonda Redfox and Wayne Hohs entered session @ 10:59 a.m.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE MODULAR BUSINESS FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE. THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ENTERING INTO A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH FACTORY BUILT PARTNERS 1, LLC, TO DEVELOP A MODULAR

MANUFACTURING BUSINESS LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Wayne Hohs: We're honored to be here today. We often get a lot of opportunities to partner with the tribes that we represent. That's one of my primary responsibilities is to do due diligence, research these potential project opportunities and identify those that we think would be a good business opportunity for the tribes that we represent. Including the Northern Cheyenne. In December, I had the privilege of meeting with the Senior Representatives from the Black Diamond Group and their American subsidiary box modular in Texas. They do a lot of work with First Nations in Canada and are looking for an opportunity to start working with tribes in the lower 48 (states). I took him on a visit, meeting with some of the tribes in Montana, including Melissa and Fonda and some others here with the Northern Cheyenne. Based on that assessment, I felt that this Tribe was probably the best fit for several reasons. Subsequent to that, several of your council members, including Lane, Melissa, Diane, along with Fonda and Sheldon King, traveled to Alabama. This is a tremendous business opportunity.

Wayne Hohs continued his presentation on Atlantic Structures NA.

Sheldon King entered session @ 11:14 a.m.

Sheldon King: Good morning, Council. With this business coming upon our Tribe, we're also looking for other ways of employing our tribal members. Because the plants are getting ready to close. When you look at it, you see everything out there with the price of lumber, it's outrageous. We're looking for other ways to build our building, we're looking at building a community center here, a food bank. When we went to look at this in Alabama, they were producing these panels within minutes. It takes away from having to buy the high price lumber. It prevents cockroaches, bed bugs, and it seals out—it's good for the power. The heating and cooling, too. With this resolution, it's always that the tribe comes first. So, we always take it to look for legal advice, because we don't want to lead you down the wrong road. And it's for the betterment of our people. We could start with our elders that have safe homes there. And downsizing their own homes. And letting them live in a safe environment. And it comes back to our tribal members that go off the reservation, and when they come home, it's really hard to find somewhere to live. And you go to housing, and it's for low-income. We end up living with our relatives. You want to see economic development downtown. And when you go to Billings, you see all these new storefronts going up, with a fraction of the cost.

Debra Charette exited session via teleconference @ 11:18 a.m.

Phillip Beckman: This is so interesting. I was looking at videos to research it, but I want to commend you. I know Sheldon had mentioned this a while back and I was pretty excited and motivated by it. And now, to see this coming about, this is a game changer. It's exciting to see this. So, I commend you all for this—Sheldon, Melissa, Diane. All of you that went down there to check this out.

Sheldon King: And this comes back to our contractors. Our contractors here are going to learn how to utilize these, and see how easy it is for them to go up. When you go to the south side of

Billings, they have a subdivision out there. And houses are being built within 3-4 weeks. And these storefronts, they can use that, too.

Donna Fisher: The Tribe is also hiring a Project Manager, and they'll be involved with all of the buildings and plans. So that the Tribe doesn't get ripped off, that it's built right. The Project Manager should be on in a couple of weeks. So, all the layout plans would have to be reviewed by the Project Manager. And let's get started on the Dialysis Center.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Briefly absent for vote				X
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Wayne Hohns and Sheldon King exited session @ 11:24 a.m.

Debra Charette entered session via teleconference @ 11:24 a.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING LAND LEASE FOR THE CHILD CARE CENTER

Fonda Redfox: As you know, we're working on some projects right now and we need land approval for the Training Center, Travel Center, and Childcare Center. The Childcare Center has a grant due at the 1st of July and we're diligently working on that right now. They're going to be located at the Justice Center and another piece of land we located was not large enough to put the building and the garage with the storage in there. So, we asked for the land behind Joe's Law Office. We need approval for that one to put the Childcare Center on there. We have a working session to approve the grant June 28th in Billings with K LJ, so we need to move forward as quick as possible to get that land approved. The land lease. Questions?

Donna Fisher: The Tribal Council should take action today to approve that portion of the land. So, you should do them separately and do the Childcare one today.

Melissa Fisher: Okay, so amend my motion to only identify the land for the Childcare Facility, behind Joe Rodriguez's Law Office.

Donna Fisher: You can get a land description for that.

Melissa Fisher: And we'll get the TSR.

Lane Spotted Elk: Councilwoman, could we add in there, this is high priority for the Tribal Council, establishing the administrative offices for the Childcare Program. And we request that any and all actions be expedited to move the project forward.

Melissa Fisher: Okay, thank you.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING LAND LEASE FOR THE TRAINING CENTER

Melissa Fisher: Next is for the land for the Training Center.

Donna Fisher: Has the land been identified?

Melissa Fisher: Yes. It is out behind the TERO building, next to the new transportation building that's going up. On the back side of TERO.

Donna Fisher: And how many acres is it?

Fonda Redfox: Approximately 50 acres. The Training Center is being identified to do technical training such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry, arts, crafts, and whatever else is going to be identified. We are working with MSU-Northern, U of M, and some of the local colleges like Miles City. But this is going to be under the direction of Chief Dull Knife College. And we are working with Dr. LittleBear on it.

Melissa Fisher: And Stephanie from BIA already sent us this.

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING LAND LEASE FOR THE TRAVEL CENTER

Melissa Fisher: So, the next piece of land that we want to approve is approximately 211 acres, and it's on the Ashland divide, on the right side of the road. This will be identified for the Travel Center. And, a possible golf course and hospitality hotel. So, with that, that is my motion.

Fonda Redfox: Just to let everybody know, the Travel Center will have a cultural center, Native American gifts center, a convenience center, food court, sit-down restaurant with RV parking and glamping. And we also have room for truck parking. We've been approached to add a hotel in there with a golf course and offer hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing. Does anybody have any questions?

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Eva Foote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Fonda Redfox, Wayne Hohs, and Sheldon King exited session @ 11:35 a.m.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
MANDATING THAT AN ELECTION BE HELD FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE
BUSBY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Norma Gourneau: Good morning, this is Norma. I apologize for not getting the resolution turned in for Busby School, but I find it very disheartening that we would have to take this action. When the school administration should be doing this on their own. So, we have two options. One, we pass a general election, forcing an election. And the other part, is I go talk to them, getting a schedule going with them. But, it would be as a directive from the Tribal Council.

Phillip Beckman: I say we just do it.

Donna Fisher: Yeah.

Melissa Fisher: Yep.

Donna Fisher: It should come from them.

Norma Gourneau: What I would like is for the Council to say that Busby school shall hold an election as required in their Plan of Operations. We're not going to blame anybody, it's just what they're supposed to be doing. So, it would be a resolution to have the Busby school hold an election for School Board Members.

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

10 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
 RESCINDING NO. DOI-084 REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF THE CHEYENNE
 LANGUAGE AS A PRIORITY AND ENACTING SAME AS AN ORDINANCE TO
 REFLECT THE SERIOUS INTENT OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL
 COUNCIL TO PRESERVE THE CHEYENNE LANGUAGE**

Diane Spotted Elk: I was on the agenda to present a resolution that was going to be rescinded and made into an ordinance. But due to my lack of contacting the THPO Department and possibly community members, I will table my presentation and have a meeting with all of those interested.

Melissa Fisher exited session @ 11:38 a.m.

Motion made by Diane Spotted Elk. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette *Teleconference	X			
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher *Briefly absent for vote				
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Melissa Fisher entered session @ 11:41 a.m.

Debra Charette exited session @ 11:42 a.m.

Andy Elkshoulder, Adeline Fox, Rhoda Bullcoming, and Rosalee Birdwoman entered session @ 11:42 a.m.

**AN ORDINANCE FROM THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE COALITION OF CHEYENNE
 LANGUAGE SPEAKERS FOR THE PRESERVATION, REVITALIZATION, AND
 TEACHING OF THE CHEYENNE LANGUAGE (COALITION), APPROVED AND
 RECOGNIZED BY THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL WITH
 RESOLUTION NO. DOI-128 (1996), DESIRES TO CHANGE THIS APPROVAL AND
 RECOGNITION TO BE IN ORDINANCE FORM**

Andy Elkshoulder: Pevawona’ae. I’m here before you, there was a resolution before this ordinance. I’m on the Cheyenne coalition here at Dull Knife. Several meetings, we’ve been talking about this particular ordinance. The thing we’re trying to see is change this resolution into an ordinance so it has more teeth to it. We’re at the point where we don’t have that many

Cheyenne speakers. Some of those have gone on because of their age, medical reasons, and stuff like that. We're at the point that we're kind of in a panic mode to make sure we pass something like this. We represent the different schools here, just not Busby school yet. A lot of times we encounter in schools is that they make Cheyenne language an elective. I also announced this on KIKC a week and a half ago.

Andy Elkshoulder and fellow presenters continued discussion of need for this Ordinance.

Lane Spotted Elk: Madame Chair, I would like to propose that we make an amendment to this Ordinance. Under "therefore be it resolved," that the Northern Cheyenne Council reaffirm its support it will contribute available financial resources to the coalition.

Diane Spotted Elk: This one is under Chief Dull Knife College. The one I'll be presenting is community, grassroots.

Lane Spotted Elk: But we could support both financially.

Donna Fisher: We already do. They get the language grant from the state of Montana. There's a lot of money out there for it. That's why we've been getting together all the past resolutions that have been passed and were making sure that we put just one together. So you guys are established from the college and then we can spread the wealth.

Rhoda Bullcoming: We're a separate thing from Dull Knife. We don't get no funding.

Donna Fisher: Oh, but you're part of Dull Knife?

Lane Spotted Elk: That's why I want to set up the framework for it, we're not putting a dollar amount to it. But we can personally fund some of their requests that come in. That's the intent of this.

Adeline Fox: Yeah, we don't want to be connected to Dull Knife.

Diane Spotted Elk: On the outside looking in, it looks like that. Simply because you have your meetings there.

Motion made by Henry Speelman. Second by Serena Wetherelt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette				X
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			

Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

9 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Andy Elkshoulder, Adeline Fox, Rhoda Bullcoming, and Rosalee Birdwoman exited session @ 12:22 p.m.

Council Recess @ 12:22 p.m.

Council Reconvened @ 12:40 p.m.

Jason Whiteman, Sr. entered session @ 12:41 p.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO APPROVE SUPPORT FOR A FULL PROPOSAL “TONGUE RIVER 2100 – FUTURE TONGUE RIVER STREAMFLOW ESTIMATES TO ENABLE NORTHERN CHEYENNE DATA-DRIVEN WATER MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING” FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Jason Whiteman, Sr.: This is a pre-proposal submitted to the United States Geological Survey and Central office. The purpose is—well, it’s a pre-proposal that was approved for allowing it to be submitted as a full proposal. And this is a resolution of support and this would focus on the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and at least four principles. Investigator, collaborator, etc. The first is Theo Barnhart, and he’s with USGS in Helena, then myself as a co-investigator, collaborator will be Shanny Spang Gion, and the other gentleman. The focus will be on future water development and it’s called Tongue River model. We have an older Tongue River model, which is not recommended, so then we’re updating that model now. It will also help us in future water management, especially in the reservoir and even for water marketing. So, those are the few areas the stakeholders—well, first of all, Tongue River and the Bighorn Mountains and parts of Wyoming that it comes down into Montana. It eventually leaves near Miles City. So, that’s the Tongue River basin watershed. It will incorporate everything in there. And the watershed, all the elements in there. The stakeholders will include Wyoming water users, Tongue River Water Association, of course the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and Tongue River Reservoir, which is DNRC. Those are some of the stakeholders in this proposal here. But again, mainly we’ll be focusing on Northern Cheyenne Tribe for future water management. This model will tell us 2100, so it’s in the future. Actually, a professional hydrologist will look at all of the water resource data and Tongue River, and then develop a model. So, that’s what we’re planning to do with this proposal here. Then we’ll have a public meeting, whether it’s here, Northern Cheyenne...in the future, that is. Maybe next year. Hopefully then, the pandemic will ease up a little bit to allow us to have full public community meetings here. That’s kind of the main thing, and I’d like to request for your resolution support with this proposal, it’s due in mid-July. Appreciate your timing here to submit this.

Motion made by Lane Spotted Elk. Second by Diane Spotted Elk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			

Debra Charette				X
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference, briefly absent during vote				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Jason Whiteman, Sr. exited session @ 12:46 p.m.

Sharon Small entered session via teleconference @ 12:48 p.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PEOPLE’S PARTNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PPCD) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE (SSBCI) AS ADMINISTRATOR ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE AND FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE AMERICAN JOBS PLAN AND AMERICAN FAMILIES PLAN, AND FINALLY, FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY TO TAKE ACTION TO EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE THE SSBCI RESOURCES AND TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE TREASURY TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO EXPAND ITS MISSION

Sharon Small: Hello. Did you guys get a chance to look at the resolution?

Melissa Fisher: Yes.

Sharon Small: Okay, so there’s a pot of money setup for the tribes and you have to do an application that’s due July 30th, I believe. It will be for new businesses, small businesses, established tribal—it’s for everybody across the board. But, what happens if you don’t apply, it will just go to the ones that do apply. And since PPCD is already lending and meets all these categories, I thought it would be a good idea for us to apply on behalf of the Tribe, if that’s okay with you guys. That money will go out for small businesses, but once it comes back in, then we can use it for homeownership, or capital. So, it could be for home repair loans, credit builder loans, consumer loans, any type of loans once it’s captured on the second round.

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Melissa Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk *Abstain—sits on PPCD Board			X	
Debra Charette				X
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference, briefly absent during vote				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Sharon Small exited session via teleconference @ 12:51 p.m.

Shirl Robinson and Karla Lei entered session @ 12:52 p.m.

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DELCARING ITS INTENT TO RENEW THE (FVPSA) FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES (DPHHS) GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BUREAU IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Shirl Robinson: Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, we're here to ask for an updated resolution for the Healing Hearts program. The FVPSA Grant, the Family Violence Protection Services Act, and we need a new resolution for the upcoming grant that's due on July 7th and we'll be writing that. They wanted to make sure that we have a new resolution for the upcoming years, so that would be from 2021-2025. Sorry, 2020-2024. As part of the services that we provide, we'll continue to provide the services for our victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Serena Wetherelt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette				X
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference, briefly absent during vote				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			

Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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Shirl Robinson and Karla Lei exited session @ 12:53 p.m.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIBAL
LEADERS COUNCIL**

Motion made by Serena Wetherelt. Second by Phillip Beckman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette				X
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference, briefly absent during vote				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			
Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Phillip Beckman. Second by Lane Spotted Elk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Debra Charette				X
Norma Gourneau *Teleconference, absent during vote				X
Eva Foote	X			
Phillip Beckman	X			
Serena Wetherelt, Vice President	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Gwen Talawyma	X			

Silver Little Eagle				X
Henry Speelman	X			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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Meeting Adjourned @ 12:56 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 abstentions this 21st day of June 2021.



Nizhoni Friesz, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

