

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

**SPECIAL SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

January 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: President Wolfname called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.
Special Session held at Crowne Plaza Hotel-Billings, MT

INVOCATION: Allen Fisher

ROLL CALL:

Judith Spang	Absent	
Jenny LaFranier	Present	
Dan Carlson	Present	
L. Jace Killsback	Absent	
Alberta Fisher	Present	
Allen Fisher	Present	
Joe Fox, Jr.	Present	
Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.	Present	
Matthew Two Moons, Sr.	Present	
Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.	Present	
Rick Wolfname-Interim President	Presiding	

Quorum Established

President Wolfname –Would like to add political appointment of Cindy Burns to agenda. Also presented a gift to Steve Chestnut, a Northern Cheyenne Tribal Flag. All Council members in attendance gave comments to Steve.

Steve Chestnut- It means so much to be appreciated. I've been with the Tribe since 1973 (35 years). My heart is first and foremost with the Northern Cheyenne. I've been entrusted with major things and have been honored by that. Representing the Northern Cheyenne is the most important work I've ever done. I have a good sense of history about the Tribe. About five or six years ago, the work dried up. Nobody contacted me to tell me why and it was personally very difficult. I figured one day we would meet again. I am deeply indebted to the Tribe.

President Wolfname-The first item on the agenda is the revised Election schedule.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REVISED SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY IN POSITION OF TRIBAL PRESIDENT ARISING FROM REMOVAL OF IMMEDIATE PAST TRIBAL PRESIDENT, AND MAKING ANY NECESSARY DISCRETE, ONE-TIME CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO ELECTION ORDINANCE. Motion made by Alberta Fisher. Second by Matthew Two Moons, Sr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judith Spang			
Jenny LaFranier	X		
Dan Carlson	X		
L. Jace Killsback			
Alberta Fisher	X		
Allen Fisher	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.	X		
Matthew Two Moons, Sr.	X		
Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.	X		

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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President Wolfname-The next item is the Attorney Contract for Ziontz, Chestnut Law Firm, Steve you have the floor.

Steve Chestnut-John Arum from our firm has contract with the Tribe and Brian Chestnut has done some work. The contract expired on September 30. This document is to extend the contract for two fiscal years. I'm comfortable with whatever the Council wants to do. My rates are very low, I've managed to have a good career not charging fortunes.

Wilma LaRance-This is contingent on availability of funds.

Steve Chestnut-That was already included in prior contract.

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT OF ATTORNEY CONTRACT AND THE ACTING TRIBAL PRESIDENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE THE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT OF ATTORNEY CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE AND TO SEEK THE REQUIRED BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS APPROVAL THEREOF. Motion made by Jenny LaFranier. Second by Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judith Spang			
Jenny LaFranier	X		
Dan Carlson	X		
L. Jace Killsback			
Alberta Fisher	X		
Allen Fisher	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.	X		
Matthew Two Moons, Sr.	X		
Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.	X		

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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President Wolfname-I am requesting concurrence from the Tribal Council on the political appointment of Lucinda "Cindy" Burns as my Executive Assistant. Cindy left her job at Housing to come to work for me.

William Walksalong-This is a political appointment, not a permanent employee. The are considered an "At will" employee in the system.

Cindy Burns-When I was asked to come work for Rick I was honored.

Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.-According to Constitution the Council has to concur.

CONCUR WITH APPOINTMENT OF LUCINDA "CINDY" BURNS AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOR PRESIDENT WOLFNAME UNTIL NEW PRESIDENT COMES IN. Motion may by Matthew Two Moons, Sr. Second by Allen Fisher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judith Spang			
Jenny LaFranier	X		
Dan Carlson	X		
L. Jace Killsback			
Alberta Fisher	X		
Allen Fisher	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.	X		
Matthew Two Moons, Sr.	X		
Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.	X		

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Motion made by Allen Fisher to adjourn meeting. Second by Matthew Two Moons, Sr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Judith Spang			
Jenny LaFranier	X		
Dan Carlson	X		
L. Jace Killsback			
Alberta Fisher	X		
Allen Fisher	X		
Joe Fox, Jr.	X		
Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.	X		
Matthew Two Moons, Sr.	X		
Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.	X		

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Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

CLOSING PRAYER: Joe Fox, Jr.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption and 0 abstentions this 7th day of April, 2008.

Melissa Lonebear
Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary