

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

**MINUTES**  
March 19, 2007

Call to Order: President Little Coyote called the meeting to order @ 9:15 a.m.

Invocation: Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.

Roll Call: Sharlene Evans, Secretary

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| 1.  | Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.     | Present        |
| 2.  | Matthew Two Moons, Sr.      | Present        |
| 3.  | Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.     | Present        |
| 4.  | Joe Fox, Jr.                | Present        |
| 5.  | Allen Fisher                | Present        |
| 6.  | Alberta Fisher              | Present        |
| 7.  | L. Jace Killsback           | Present        |
| 8.  | Dan Carlson                 | Present        |
| 9.  | Jennie Lou LaFranier        | Present        |
| 10. | Judith Spang                | Absent/Excused |
| 11. | Rick Wolfname, V. Pres.     | Present        |
| 12. | Eugene Little Coyote, PRES. | Presiding      |

Quorum: Yes, 10 present, 1 excused absence.

Exit Regular Tribal Council meeting @ 9:25 a.m.

Enter into Permanent Fund Board Meeting @ 9:25 a.m.

**PERMANENT FUND BOARD MEETING**

Roll Call: Sharlene Evans, Secretary

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| 1.  | Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.     | Present        |
| 2.  | Matthew Two Moons, Sr.      | Present        |
| 3.  | Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.     | Present        |
| 4.  | Joe Fox, Jr.                | Present        |
| 5.  | Allen Fisher                | Present        |
| 6.  | Alberta Fisher              | Present        |
| 7.  | L. Jace Killsback           | Present        |
| 8.  | Dan Carlson                 | Present        |
| 9.  | Jennie Lou LaFranier        | Present        |
| 10. | Judith Spang                | Absent/Excused |
| 11. | Rick Wolfname, V. Pres.     | Present        |
| 12. | Eugene Little Coyote, PRES. | Presiding      |

Quorum: Yes. 10 present, 1 excused absence.

**#1. Permanent Fund Report-Rick McCann, FIB:**

Rick McCann, Permanent Fund Investments Manager reported that the total investment balances as of February 28, 2007 is \$20,093,321.90. Mr. McCann was asked to explain the draw downs from OTFM. Mr. McCann explained that he would do some research and meet with the Tribal Treasurer and Comptroller, and have a report for the Tribal Council at the next Permanent Fund Report.

Exit Permanent Fund Board Meeting @ 9:25a.m.  
Resume Regular Tribal Council Meeting @ 9:25 a.m.

President Little Coyote honored the request by Tribal Council member Allen Fisher to add the Tongue River Lumber Company's past due loan to end of the agenda.

**#2. Elderly Report-Elderly Commission:**

Tribal Council member Dan Carlson reported that the Elderly feel that they are being neglected and are concerned about the security at the Shoulderblade Complex. He also said that some of the elderly are interested in raising sheep at the Teepee Ranch and that they would take turns watching them. President Little Coyote requested that the Elderly Program Director write him a letter regarding the security issue.

**#3. District Reports-District Chairs:** No reports.

**#4. Minutes – February 19, 2007 – March 8, 2007-Sharlene Evans, Secretary:**

Tribal Secretary Sharlene Evans presented minutes of the Tribal Council meetings held on February 19-20, 2007 and March 5-6, 2007 for council review and approval. Corrections were made by the Council.

A motion made by Vice President Rick Wolfname to approve the minutes of the Tribal Council meetings of February 19 & 20, 2007 and March 5 & 6, 2007 with the corrections. Seconded by Alberta Fisher. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

**#5. Budgets-Wilma LaRance, Treasurer:**

Tribal Treasurer Wilma LaRance presented a resolution for adoption to approve 17 revised and adjusted budgets.

1. Fund 224A. NCUC General Fund-Generated Income. To approve a budget in the amount of \$10,097.38 for equipment/equipment repair; 2. Fund 224B. Water Resources/Tribal Health. To approve a budget in the amount of \$87,542.00 to cover emergency well system assessment, repair and renovation only; 3. Fund 577. Performance Partnership Grant/Environmental Protection Department. To revise the budget from \$432,340.00 to \$437,603.00, an increase of

an awarded amount of \$5,263.00; 4. Fund NEW. CITGO Citizens Program Corporation. To approve a budget in the amount of \$116,935.00 for the LIHEAP Program; 5. Fund 375. REACH/DHHS. To revise the budget with no increase or decrease in total budgeted amount of \$150,000.00. Adjustments made to the Electric, Propane, Wood and Direct Services; 6. Fund 377. REACH/DHHS. To revise the budget with no increase or decrease in total budgeted amount of \$269,316.27. Adjustments made to the Electric, Propane and Wood; 7. Fund 906. HIP Generated Income. To revise the budget in the amount of \$6,000.00 to \$4,263.56, which is actual amount of carryover; 8. Fund 220. HIP/638. To revise the budget in the amount of \$176,812.41 to \$198,405.41 due to additional award amount of \$21,593.00; 9. Fund 134. Federal Treasury/IIM/SSI. To revise the budgeted amount of \$6,127.39 within line items. There was no increase or decrease in the budget; 10. Fund 255. ICWA. To revise the budgeted amount of \$106,510.61 to \$76,731.65. This reflects a reduced carry over amount of \$29,778.96. The budget line items have been adjusted to reflect this reduction; 11. Fund 230B. JOM/638. To approve a revised budget amount from \$107,892.70 to \$138,215.70. This reflects an additional award amount of \$30,323.00. The budget line items have been adjusted on the local schools; 12. Fund 230C. JOM/Higher Education. To revise budget amount from \$399,579.14. An adjustment of \$378.00; 13. Fund 230D. AVT/Higher Education/638. To revise the budget amount from \$124,104.81 to \$154,580.73. To adjust form \$30,475.92 which includes additional carry over and correct IDC; 14. Fund 269. Cultural Springs Inventory. To revise budget amount from \$35,195.00 to \$17,356.00. This reflects an adjusted decreased carry over amount of \$15,019.00; 15. Fund 734. State Noxious Weed Trust Fund. To budget for \$21,722.00 which is a carry over amount from FY2006; 16. Fund 202. Natural Resources. To revise the budget from \$52,467.00 to \$69,882.00. This reflects additional carry over monies from FY2006 in the amount of \$17,415.00. The budget line items of travel was increased; 17. Fund 40. Tribal Scholarship/9000 Judgement Fund. To approve a budget in the amount of \$40,551.51. This reflects additional monies received in the amount of \$29,693.01.

A motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. to approve 17 budgets. Seconded by Alberta Fisher. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

Wilma presented a seconded resolution for Tribal Council approval of 17 budgets. The Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and approved them.

1. Fund 968. Interest Income. Approve budget in the amount of \$7,934.32.
2. Fund 968A. Housing/Rent Income. Approve budget in the amount of \$46,611.36.
3. Fund 969. Student Activities Admin. Approve budget amount of \$6,106.52.
4. Fund 969. Student Act. 7<sup>th</sup> 969H. Approve budget amount \$345.53.
5. Fund 969. Student Act. 8<sup>th</sup> 969I. Approve budget amount of \$354.49.
6. Fund 969. Student Act. 9<sup>th</sup> 969J. Approve budget amount of \$230.08.
7. Fund 969. Student Act. 10<sup>th</sup> 969K. Approve budget amount of \$1,184.04.
8. Fund 969. Student Act. 11<sup>th</sup> 969L. Approve budget amount of \$430.08.
9. Fund 969. Student Act. 12<sup>th</sup> 969M. Approve budget amount of \$1,911.99.
10. Fund 969. Student Act. Indian 969N. Approve budget amount of \$2,489.88.
11. Fund 969. Student Act. 969O. Approve budget amount of \$882.04.
12. Fund 970. ISEP. Approve budget amount of \$780,300.00.
13. Fund 970A. ISEP-SPED. Approve budget amount of \$136,200.00.

14. Fund 971. Administrative. Approve additional awarded amount of \$15,138.00. The budget increased from \$329,500.00 to \$344,638.00.
15. Fund 972. Operations. Approve budget amount of \$318,639.00.
16. Fund 973. Transportation. Approve additional awarded amount of \$90,950.00. The budget increased from \$327,750.00 to \$418,700.00.
17. Fund 97a-e Title I. Approve budget amount of \$320,285.89.
18. Fund 974C. Title II Professional Dev. Approve buget amount of \$58,100.00.
19. Fund 974E Title IV Safe & Drug Free School. Approve additional awarded amount of \$15,506.25. The budget increased from \$17,500.00 to \$33,006.25.
20. Fund 974F School Improvement CAP/RP. Approve budget amount of \$22,542.00.
21. Fund IDEA Part B. Approve additional awarded amount of \$196,305.02. The budget increased from \$195,120.00 to \$391,425.02.
22. Fund 976. Maintenance. Approve additional awarded amount of \$203,175.18. The budget amount of \$148,051.00 to \$351,226.18.

A motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. to adopt the resolution approving 22 budgets for the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Schools. Seconded by Alberta Fisher. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

Treasurer LaRance presented another resolution for approval to request that the "BIA and OST (Office of Special Trustee) insure that payments received from the sale of the Tribe's Natural Resources are collected and deposited to the credit of the Tribe in certain accounts held in the name of the Tribe, and that absent any mortgage or other encumbrance against a given parcel of land, the receipts are posted to the Proceeds of Labor Account (PL7320705-"General Fund") and thus are available for appropriation and transfer by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council to any of the Tribe's activities of Governance, and if a given parcel is subject to a mortgage or other encumbrance said receipts are posted to the Proceeds of Labor Account (PL7324707-"Land Acquisition") to insure that the funds are properly accumulated to pay said mortgage or encumbrance."

A motion made by Alberta Fisher to adopt the resolution that payments from the sale of the Tribe's Natural Resources are accounted for and that the accumulated sums of such receipts are properly reported to the Tribe for appropriation by Tribal Council for use by the Tribe. Seconded by Allen Fisher. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

#### **#6. Overview of United Cheyenne Summit-President Little Coyote:**

President Little Coyote gave an overview of the upcoming summit with the Southern Cheyenne and Arapahoe Tribes (C&A) of Oklahoma. The meeting will take place at the DoubleTree Inn at Denver, Colorado. He informed the Tribal Council that the purpose of the summit will be to consolidate efforts in the opposition of legislation that is allowing encroachment near and around Bear Butte. He invited the Tribal Council to attend. The summit is sponsored by the Land Authority.

#### **#7. Vocational Rehabilitation Program Information-Quintin Kingfisher:**

Quintin Kingfisher gave a presentation on the Vocational Rehabilitation Program located at Chief Dull Knife College. Mr. Kingfisher informed the Council that to better serve the disabled the communities here need to be educated and become aware about disabilities, and to advocate for them so that they can be part of the community and be productive citizens. Quintin provided a book of success stories written by disabled people who were rehabilitated and are now providing for themselves. He told the council that the program needs assistance in soliciting for funds to continue to support the program.

Executive Session entered into @ 10:35 a.m.

Exit Executive Session @ 11:45 a.m.

The Tribal Council presented a Pendleton Blanket to Jerry Small for his induction into the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Lunch Break @ 12: 15 p.m.

Reconvened @ 1:15 p.m.

Call to Order: President Little Coyote called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Sharlene Evans, Secretary

1.	Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.	Present
2.	Matthew Two Moons, Sr.	Present
3.	Alfred Strange Owl, Jr.	Present
4.	Joe Fox, Jr.	Present
5.	Allen Fisher	Present
6.	Alberta Fisher	Present
7.	L. Jace Killsback	Present
8.	Dan Carlson	Present
9.	Jennie Lou LaFranier	Present
10.	Judith Spang	Absent
11.	Rick Wolfname, V. Pres.	Present
12.	Eugene Little Coyote, PRES.	Presiding

Quorum. Yes. 10 present, 1 absent.

President Little Coyote stated that the Tribal Council wants to indemnify tribal officials and that they were acting in an official capacity.

A motion made by Allen Fisher to pay the legal fees for Vice President Rick Wolfname and Tribal Council member Charles Yellow Fox, Jr., and that the Tribal Council indemnify them as acting in official capacity. Seconded by Matthew Two Moons, Sr. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

#8. L. Jace Killsback:

- a) TICOM ANA Grant (EDA Committee): Jace presented a resolution that approves the submission of an application to the office of DHHS/Administration for Native Americans to fund telecommunication pre-construction activities on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

A motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. to adopt the resolution supporting the submission of funding application to the Administration for Native Americans Office in Washington, D.C. Seconded by Alberta Fisher. VOTE: 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Charles Yellow Fox, Jr.) Motion carried.

- b) BIA IRR (Indian Reservation Roads Inventory) Issue (Land Authority): Jace presented a seconded resolution for tribal Council approval. The resolution removes Reservation Road 225 from the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation Roads Inventory until unresolved issues have been address by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in a timely manner.

A motion made by Allen Fisher to adopt the resolution approving the removal of Road 225 from the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation Roads Inventory. Seconded by Alberta Fisher. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

- c) Health Care Resolution (NIHB): Tabled

**#9. Override Veto of Rescinded Board of Regents Ordinance-Jennie L. LaFranier:**

A motion made by Jennie Lou LaFranier to override the veto on the ordinance to rescind the Northern Cheyenne Board of Regents Ordinance in its entirety. Seconded by Matthew Two Moons, Sr. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

**#10. Great Bear Update-Dan Carlson:**

Tribal Council member Dan Carlson inquired about Great Bear (CBM Development Company) and wanted an update on the business proposals in their 2<sup>nd</sup> *Letter of Intent*. Mr. Carlson asked why some of the Tribal Council, the EDA Committee, the Natural Resources Board and the Land Authority are not included when meetings are held with Great Bear. Alberta Fisher, Allen Fisher, Matthew Two Moons, Sr., and Charles Yellow Fox, Jr., made comments about Great Bear's willingness to help the Tribe in business development, such as a laundry mat, bottled water, a dollar store, and that they are willing to make improvements with the casino. Great Bear is interested in building a pipeline through the reservation, to pump gas east to west to bring revenue to the Tribe. Dan recommended that the tribal members be informed about Great Bear and their business proposals.

Jennie Lou LaFranier, Tribal Council member asked who is responsible to inform all the Tribal Council members of scheduled meetings with Great Bear. She also mentioned that the Tribe is currently in litigation against CBM and other related issues, and that the tribal membership voted against CBM development on the reservation (in the November 2006 General Election). Jennie Lou asked if all the council members received a letter from Holland and Knight regarding Great Bear.

Jennifer Red Fox stated that all the meetings with Great Bear are initiated by Vice President Wolfname, and he schedules the meetings and gets the memos out. She informed the council that the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 22 in Billings, and that Jason Woodside and Michael Mason will be there.

Added item:

**Tongue River Lumber Company Outstanding Loan-Allen Fisher:**

Tribal Council member Allen Fisher expressed his concern regarding the outstanding loan owed to the First Interstate Bank for the Tongue River Lumber Company venture, which did not happen. A brief discussion followed and the Tribal Council agreed to select a negotiation team with a ten (10) day negotiation window. The team will consist of Tribal Council members: Allen Fisher, Aljo Strange Owl, Joe Fox, Jr. and the Tribal Treasurer-Wilma LaRance and the Tribal Comptroller-Ray Heaton.

A motion made by Joe Fox, Jr. to select a negotiation team of Joe Fox, Jr., Allen Fisher, Aljo Strange Owl, Tribal Treasurer Wilma LaRance and Ray Heaton, Comptroller. Seconded by Jennie Lou LaFranier. VOTE: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Matthew Two Moons, Sr.

Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

*Shalene Evans*

Passed and approved by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 9 votes for passage and approval and 0 votes against passage and approval and no abstentions this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007.