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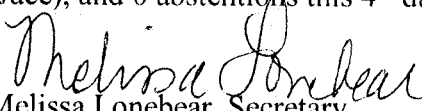
Note: This set of meeting minutes was transcribed by Lori L. Limberhand from the November 13, 2008 cassette tape. The Tribal Council voted to pass the minutes in present form.

Eugene Little Coyote calls meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. I've asked our sacred Hat Caretaker to open the meeting with a prayer. Don Shoulderblade give a prayer in Cheyenne. Eugene Little Coyote: This is an extra session called by myself last week and it has 22 agenda items, mostly pertaining to budgets and grants. Before we begin I call on Councilman Fisher. Allen Fisher: I would like to read a statement of protest. Allen Fisher starts to read the statement of protest and Eugene interrupts, we forgot to take roll call sorry for the interruption. Sharlene Evans takes roll call. Allen Fisher: Another question we have is the secretary down there turned in a complaint. Eugene Little Coyote, we will address that another time, will you proceed with your statement. Allen Fisher: States again, this person that is harassing the secretary to not attend our council meeting because he is not an enrolled member, and he is harassing one of our employees. As the Sergeant of Arms, I'm asking security to remove him. Eugene Little Coyote: "The statement please". Due to the fact that a complaint is filed to me and I gave it to security. Eugene Little Coyote: I understand. If anybody becomes disorderly in this meeting we will address it. Allen Fisher: Reads the protest letter from some of the council. "I have elected to attend and participate in this Tribal Council meeting, but do so under protest to the extent Eugene Little Coyote serves as Tribal President. The Tribal Council's prior removal of Eugene Little Coyote as Tribal President, and the Tribal Council's subsequent actions, including its approvals of FY 2008 Tribal Budgets, were all valid. The Constitutional Court's decision purporting to strike down those prior Council actions was rendered without jurisdiction and was otherwise wrong on the merits. If the Constitutional Court had properly enforced the tribal constitution and laws and other applicable law, Vice President Rick Wolfname would be presiding over this tribal council meeting in place of the remove Eugene Little Coyote and there would be no need to ratify the previously approved FY 2008 Tribal budgets. The basis for this protest was carefully laid out in the tribal council's answer, briefs and motion for reconsideration filed with the constitutional court, which the constitutional court entirely ignored. Eugene Little Coyote: Very well. We will make note of the Council's protest about attending Council meeting presided by Eugene Little Coyote. I will respond very briefly.

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The Constitutional Court made its ruling; it's binding, final and conclusive. That is the law, so with that we will get right to the agenda items. Allen Fisher tries to speak. Eugene Little Coyote states he understands there are other issues that need to be addressed, but right to the agenda items. This is the special called by myself with legitimate business for the Tribe. Allen Fisher tries to speak. Eugene interrupts him, and states I've let you read the letter of protest even though it was not on the agenda. We will resume with the agenda, begin with the agenda. Thank you Councilman. Let's address agenda item #1. Tome Towe Attorney fees per constitutional court ruling. As most of you know we paid an attorney for the Vice President and some of the council members in the amount of around \$20,000.00. Constitutional Court says that they support covering my attorney fees for the defense for the constitutional court claim. I am respectfully forwarding that to the Council for action. Judy Spang talks, but I cannot hear her. Allen Fisher: For the record, and in response to Judy Spang. You know last week the Council was in here every day for a meeting, we never had one, just wanted to state that for the record. Judy Spang makes a motion to approve the payment for Eugene Little Coyote's attorney fees. Jace Killsback seconds the motion. The motion is voted down. 2 yes, 8 no. Eugene Little Coyote: I will close the agenda item with a statement with two points, you've done it before, pay \$20,000 for Pechota and that was without a constitutional court ruling, very unjust to deny this and go against the constitutional court ruling, but so be it, we'll move on. Agenda item #2. Draft Resolutions approving 210, 221 FY07, 193,166, 200B, 214, 230B, 230C, 230D, 218, 232, and an unnamed fund for the new arrest policies 221, 200 FY 2008. Eugene Little Coyote: Motion by Councilman Killsback to approve the budgets presented. Judy Spang seconds the motion. Do we have a second? Jennie LaFranier: For the record the majority of these budgets have been approved by the BIA. Wilma states everyone had these budgets; she put them in everyone's box. Eugene Little Coyote: Let me put it this way, let me summarize, under the conclusions of law, of the constitutional court ruling, said all actions stemming from the Council's extra sessions are unconstitutional, thus, even if these were approved by the BIA, they are still unconstitutional, that's why they are on the agenda today, lets do it right. I have a motion to approve. Wilma is talking, but I can't make it out? Discussions by everyone, just talking can't make it out. Eugene Little Coyote: We have a second to approve those 15 budgets, I would like to note for the record, that conversely with Councilwoman LaFranier statement that BIA approved these budgets, they had approved these budgets when there was a temporary restraining order in place. BIA approved these budgets before the constitutional court had made its ruling. And we know what the ruling is now again that all actions stemming from the tribal council's extra session are unconstitutional, again why we are here. Secretary roll call. 2 -yes, 8- no, motion voted down. It's clear what the Council's doing. At this point I'm going to recess this council meeting until Wednesday November 21, 2007. But it is clear what the council is doing they do not want to pass these budgets. Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Passed, Adopted, and Approved by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 8 votes for passage, 2 votes against passage (Judy, L. Jace), and 0 abstentions this 4th day of February, 2008.


Melissa Lonebear, Secretary