

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

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

September 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Wetherelt called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

INVOCATION: Nizhoni Friesz

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Melissa Lonebear	X		
Debra Charette	X		
Norma Gourneau	X		
Eva Foote	X		
Torrey Davie	X		
Serena Wetherelt, President	X		
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr., Vice President		X	
Silver Little Eagle	X		
Nizhoni Friesz	X		
Donavin Limberhand	X		
Gwen Spottedhorse	X		
Melissa Fisher	X		
Total:	11	1	

Quorum Established

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER:

- Ground blessing on Wednesday @ 11:00 a.m.
- Funeral for Jenny Parker will be tomorrow in Ashland

ITEM #1 – ELDERLY UPDATES

MICHELENE BEARCOMESOUT

- Our elders are taking care of grandchildren but they are also taking care of great grandchildren.

- We are losing our young people but we are losing our elders faster. You should think about helping these young people.
- Elderly program is currently serving around 140 elders at the Shoulderblade complex.
- Home delivery to Busby and Hwy 212 is 6; Lame Deer is 20; Birney is 11. We will continue service as long as our budget allows.
- Care giver training; we had 32 attendees. They were people that took care of elders.
- We will schedule activities as soon as we can open reqs and get them approved.
- \$14,123.58 cents in activities but they've spent none of it because the accountant doesn't allow. Finance people won't talk to the program people. Requisitions get kicked back.
- Email from Madison from the State office in Red Lodge in Area 2 on aging. They want to know where the \$25,983.00 is. That was ARPA's funds. They sent it buy a new stove, cooler and shipping bags and a food slicer. The paperwork was submitted with prices of how much everything was with an invoice. It was submitted but kicked back because the accountant said there was no budget and the money wasn't there. The Red Lodge Area Office 2 is asking for receipts by September 17th or they would like the money back. There was a budget submitted. I don't know if it was missing stuff but it sat on somebody's desk and was just returned recently. The accountant said, no, we are just going to send the money back.
- Sysco wants money orders because a check bounced.
- When changes were made to the financial manual, we were not given training on it. As Program directors, we are in the dark. We are not communicating as people.

KRISTI HARRIS:

- Walmart does not accept checks so we usually make the check out to an individual and they bring the receipts back.

TERRANCE LIMPY:

- The stove; I was in contact with Roberta and Lorna. The budget was submitted in March of this year. It got lost in the shuffle.
- The ARPA money was directed through the State not from the Treasury. They are Asking for the money back by 6/30. The requisition was in there but an invoice was never submitted; product was never delivered. It's past that point so they asked for the money back. I asked Roberta to reach out to the funding agency and I never heard anything back.

COUNCILWOMAN FISHER: Finance is going to work closely with you and Roberta to get it resolved.

ITEM #2 – DISTRICT UPDATES

RYHAL ROWLAND – MUDDY DISTRICT

- Update on the hall. Tommy started on it again today. We had a district meeting last week and picked out the interior colors. It will be filled with insulation this week. Our security cameras need to be installed before they put the tin in.
- Playground update: I was informed by the ARPA staff that they are using graveling. By

October 8th, they should be working back on our district playground areas in Rosebud Subdivision and Muddy Cluster.

- Land Board: Couple people that have been waiting for their homesites to be approved since April and they haven't received anything.
- People are asking how to get their roads graveled. Who do they reach out to?
- Debbie will follow up on the installation of the cameras and the basketball court.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING INTO COMFORT CARE.

ITEM #3 – BUDGETS

DOMINIC ORTEGA: I have 3 separate resolutions. They are broken up by fiscal years. The 2 for FY 25 are separated by program funds.

A resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available funds.

Program Budgets FY 2024

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
197	THPO	\$ 895,622.64
304 DISCR.	CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 878,780.51
798	THPO	\$ 128,416.00

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS. FUNDS 197 THROUGH 798.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Eva Foote.

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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Program Budgets FY 2025

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
789	THPO	\$ 5,076.00
643	THPO	\$ 29,590.00
615	THPO	\$ 8,600.00
280	THPO	\$ 38,666.50
145	THPO/NCCC	\$ 38,000.00
595F	NC DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$ 300,000.00
795	TRIBAL FORESTRY	\$ 402,546.09
817B	SUSTAINABLE ENERGY	\$ 758,947.00
817C	SUSTAINABLE ENERGY	\$ 776,564.00
178C	MORNING STAR SANITATION	\$ 260,000.00
178B	MORNING STAR PROPANE	\$1,000,000.00
747	HEALTH PROMOTIONS PREP	\$ 25,729.83
745	PUBLIC HEALTH EMERG. PREP.	\$ 90,617.87
698	HEART FUND	\$ 62,500.00
331A	AFA CARRYOVER	\$7,246,274.89
354	3 RD PARTY COLLECTIONS	\$1,169,316.55
331B	BUILDING CARRYOVER	\$1,506,356.20
330C	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	\$1,355,619.09
389	TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROV. PROG.	\$4,322,329.61
727	HP TOBACCO	\$ 94,077.66
724	WIC	\$ 124,418.00
330D	CHR	\$ 500,916.44
NEW	SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM	\$ 595,755.00
330A	ADMINISTRATION	\$1,963,009.88
330G	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$ 643,727.12
330B	HEALTH PROMOTIONS PROGRAM	\$ 547,710.08
330I	TRIBAL SPONSORSHIP HEALTH	\$1,418,206.42
330E	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	\$1,548,083.93
330H	SECURITY/HOUSEKEEPING	\$1,045,404.23
330F	RECOVERY	\$1,423,718.56
NEW	NCDOT – RAISE GRANT	\$4,745,106.30
595A	NC DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$ 717,600.28
595C	NCDOT – CONSTRUCTION	\$ 810,532.38
595D	NCDOT – TRANSIT	\$ 100,000.00

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

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Fisher.

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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DOMINIC ORTEGA: A resolution of resolution of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council authorizing the modification and or adoption of certain budgets for the expenditure of available funds.

Program Budgets FY 2025

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
100	GOVT SERVICES	\$ 2,439,000.00
050	INDIRECT COST POOL	\$ 4,290,521.00

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS. FUNDS 100 THROUGH 050.

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Melissa Fisher.

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #4 – MINUTES**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 19, 2024 REGULAR SESSION.**

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			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	2 Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #5 – NORTHERN CHEYENNE YOUTH COUNCIL – COUNCILWOMAN LITTLE EAGLE**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AMMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION NO. DOI-087 (2024)**

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

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 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #6 – DIGITAL EQUITY GRANT - COUNCILWOMAN GOURNEAU**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR THE NTIA DIGITAL EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion made by Norma Gourneau. 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			

10 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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ITEM #7 – COAL BOARD GRANT

COUNCILWOMAN LONEBEAR: We'll get a resolution for this. Mariah called Ed this morning. There's a couple of grants that or paperwork that needs to be submitted. I'm presenting it without a resolution but we will get one. Projects are the travel plaza and community center for Lane Deer district.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COAL BOARD GRANT APPLICATION AND SOUTHEASTERN DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION.

Motion made by Melissa Lonebear. 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			
9 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried	

EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 10:02 A.M.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 10:47 A.M.

ITEM #8 – EXCLUSION OF NCTS SUPERINTENDENT – COUNCILMAN DAVIE

ORDINANCE EXCLUDING CONNIE FILESTEEL FROM THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION.

Motion made by Torrey Davie. Second by Donavin Limberhand.

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			

3 vote(s) Yes	7 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried
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A MOTION TO ADD BUDGET 604 TO THE AGENDA

Motion made by Melissa Fisher 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
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			

Melissa Fisher	X			
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8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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A MOTION TO ADD FUND 604 TO APPROVED BUDGET

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. 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
Donavin Limberhand	X			
Silver Little Eagle	X			
Gwen Spottedhorse	X			
Melissa Fisher	X			

8 vote(s) Yes	0 votes No	Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion made by Melissa Fisher. Second by Norma Gourneau.

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			

8 votes Yes	0 votes No	0 Abstentions	Motion Carried	
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MEETING ADJOURNED @ 12:03 P.M.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council with 10 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstention on this 16^h day of December 2024.



Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe