

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

**RESCHEDULED REGULAR SESSION**

**MINUTES**

July 2, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Peña called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Clarice Walksalong

**ROLL CALL:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>			Medical
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Winfield Russell, Vice President</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Rynalea Peña, President</b>	<b>X</b>		

Quorum Established

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Peña-There is a vacancy for Department of Health and Human Services, there is an open seat and want nominees. If anyone is interested in that, please get back to me.

**ELDERLY UPDATE-NOT PRESENT**

**DISTRICT UPDATE-**

Ryhal Rowland-We have the Visions group at Muddy. They do small home improvement projects. Go to Muddy Hall and visit them. They'll be there until August. They're renovating and doing stuff to our hall.

**HIGHWAY 212-JANIS SPEAR**

Janis Spear-We have the Glendive Administration here. They're here to talk about the speed study.

Shane Mintz-About two years ago, MDT did a speed study, from the I-90 interchange all the way to Alzada. I have a summary of that report. The truck volume percentage is about 40%, the state average is about 6%. We are not fond of the speed differential. We are proposing reducing the speed to 65 day or night, car or truck. Next Highway Commission meeting is August 29<sup>th</sup>. They are leaving a spot on the agenda for the Northern Cheyenne. The law requires us to do a speed study. We do have a recommendation. Normally I ask for letters of support. I got feedback from Rosebud County and Powder River County.

Waylon Rogers-As far as other studies in Montana, how do we stack up as far as crashes or collisions?

Shane Mintz-Crashes will give us an emphasis area. I believe our traffic and engineering in Helena has a consultant now. We did a road safety audit on this entire corridor on the reservation about 6 years ago. We made a number of additions from a safety standpoint. Crash data by itself, it's crashed reported in the Highway Patrol system. That can harm us a little bit. There are Highway Safety Improvement Funds. My district doesn't get a lot of that money.

Waylon Rogers-The reduced speed on the reservation the concentrations are outside of Ashland. Do you think reducing the speed will reduce crashes?

Shane Mintz-One of the things we implemented, is striping. We're always looking for new ways to improve safety.

Lane Spottedelk-You mentioned we are at 40%, the trucks affect our road. How is the funding allocation, centered around the trucks, and to accommodate that?

Shane Mintz-There is a perception that the west gets all the money. P3 every year we have very high tech vans that drive every road in the state. Our funding is based on road conditions.

Mike-On Montana 16 the truck traffic doubled, and so did crashes.

Debbie Charette-If the cars and the trucks are at the same speed, will that make it safer?

Shane Mintz-Yes.

Debbie Charette- I live on 212, if you do pass them, they ride you, and sometimes it's only 3 or 4 inches.

Dana Eaglefeathers-We're worried about the speed limit, and we have lack of law enforcement and DOT to enforce it. The guys who come in to patch it up, do more damage than what was there.

Diane Spottedelk-You can literally see the difference.

Shane Mintz-One thing interesting about this corridor, I call it the western Montana corridor. This stretch gets a lot of snow, we use a lot of sand.

Diane Spottedelk-It will take you off the road, and in the winter, it's even worse. It would help to have decent work.

Dana Eaglefeathers-It seems like you just want to get rid of what you have, to repair, on the highway. With the truck traffic being 40%, it seems like there would be more added to that. President Peña-If this is substantiated data. We proposed to the Governor to have a safety corridor. It's a lot of traffic and it should bring in some dollars. We should have our own people on these roads, so we're invested.

President Peña-The only time we see the highway patrol is if there's an accident. We're in the process of doing on MOU with the highway patrol. One of these days, I believe we're going to take that highway back. I did lose a daughter and a niece on that highway. I'm thankful that you brought this data, we can use it to identify some of our needs. This is our land, and this is our area that we are responsible for.

**Break @ 1:11 p.m.**

**Reconvene @ 1:48 p.m.**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY-STACEY & ED JOINER**

Stacey Joiner-We have been patient waiting since 9:30 this morning. Ed was here yesterday and we waited, so Pastor Dean is here in place of Ed. **Letter read into record from Ed Joiner.** A few of you are aware of what has gone on in the past. Our Fire Department had five non-members. Nothing was ever done and as a tribal member I'm ashamed of that. Just to run them off like that, that isn't the Cheyenne way. Ed has had it, he said if something doesn't get done, he's going to stop responding.

Dean Smith-Years ago, I became a part of something that I never ever thought I would be a part of. I've been a member for a very long time, come through our volunteer ranks as Captain and Chaplain. At one time, it was great to be part of something so great. It went on for years, until about four years ago. Everything changed, I'm not here to create more division. I'm here to bring the division to an end. For years, the fire department worked well with Colstrip, St. Labre, and even the highway patrol. They thanked us, we all worked very well together. Everything since then has completely gone downhill. There's two programs not working well together. When I respond at the request of the PD, I'm not covered by insurance. Now, we have no idea on where or who to respond. Every accident scene should have the presence of the fire truck. Unfortunately, I've seen our volunteer fire department try to put out fires, but they're not trained. They could be doing a lot better if they were trained. It is my personal opinion that they do not know what to do if there's a fire. I can understand Ed's frustration. We still get called and we still respond. Something needs to happen to bring us closer together as a community. This is an issue that is very close to my heart. I will entertain any questions or ideas. We just want to get the job done.

Diane Spottedelk-These are two separate volunteer fire departments?

Dean Smith-A few years ago, it was done quietly behind closed doors. Behind the scenes there is a separate fire department. There is so much division and lack of leadership. Our radios and

paggers were taken from us. Otto Braided Hair was creating a fire department. We were taken off the insurance all because of someone's desire. Nothing has ever been done.

Stacey Joiner-Our insurance rates are high. Don't think it couldn't happen to you. He flat out said, "I will never work with you white guys". This has been so frustrating. We need this new Council to take command and make some changes. We need to take a look at this. These guys were wronged, and they're part of our community. The last administration was aware of it. I'm hoping for an investigation and to get our fire department back.

President Peña-I used to volunteer in the 90's. I know how important of a job it is.

Diane Spottedelk-What do we need to do, to fix this?

Dean Smith-The last meeting, I gave them a plan and solution. Right now there's one person upsetting the entire apple cart. The leadership that's involved that is the challenge. This is my home too, and I love it here.

Stacey Joiner-They were all working together, and then Otto took the paggers, and radios and everything.

Lane Spottedelk-Fire protection, is that also the fire chief?

Dean Smith-Our fire protection manager was a volunteer fire department. What slowly transpired was the director taking over the fire department.

Stacey Joiner-The vote on the Fire Chief is done amongst themselves.

Dean Smith-I am willing to work with anyone to get it back on track.

President Peña-I can schedule a meeting and come up with a plan. We're always talking about knocking down barriers.

Stacey Joiner-How do you go about investigating it? There were threats of hitting Dean. When someone blatantly says, "I'm never going to work with them". As a community member, I would like to see some kind of investigation. These guys are volunteering their time.

Curtis Elkshoulder, Jr.-I don't want to be redundant. When there was a group of volunteers, that people could rely on. Our tribal businesses were reassured that we were safe, in case something happens. Being the gaming manager, when we needed the building inspected, we had to reach out to Rosebud County. As a fire department, we worked as a team. We would go to the Headstarts and schools. Helping business come up with escape plans. We had to make sure everything was up to par. Let's find a solution as a team, develop a plan and move forward from there. There's an outcry from our community. How many families are homeless? Let's come up with solutions. We shouldn't be getting locked out of our own garage.

President Peña-I'll get a meeting set up on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

Vice President Russell-Can you make a copy of the stuff you read.

Stacey Joiner-She has everything, so you can make a copy of it.

Dana Eaglefeathers-The previous administration, was there resolutions or ordinances put in place for this process. Going back to the structure, it would be simple to put fire protection back to fire protection and volunteer back to volunteer.

Dean Smith-While we were going through this process, the council really wasn't involved. There's nothing official.

## **PERMANENT FUND BOARD MEETING-TABLED**

### **BUDGETS-LANE SPOTTEDELK**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION AND OR ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BUDGETS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS: FUND 260-N116.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Philip Beckman.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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### **MINUTES-MELISSA LONEBEAR**

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: MAY 21, 2019.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debra Charette.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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## **WELLNESS CENTER LOCATION REPASSAGE-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS**

Melissa Lonebear-This was already passed, but I didn't receive the land description by the deadline date.

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCATION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE WELLNESS CENTER.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Vice President Russell.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>1 vote No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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## **RECONTRACTING 638 PROGRAMS-WILLIAM WALKSALONG**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RE-CONTRACTING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS FROM THE DOI-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.** Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Philip Beckman.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			

Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

**9 votes Yes      1 vote No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

#### **NCTHA IHBG REPASSAGE-MISTY RUSSETTE**

Melissa Lonebear-This was also passed, it had some language that needed to be revised.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL DELEGATING TO THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY THE AUTHORITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE AN APPLICATION FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 COMPETITIVE INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Lane Spottedelk.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers	X			
Vice President Russell	X			

**10 votes Yes      0 votes No      0 Abstentions      Motion Carried**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EDA-FONDA REDFOX**

Melissa Lonebear-The same with this one.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PLANNING GRANT PROPOSAL TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Debra Charette.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman	X			

<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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## **MEDIA SPECIALIST POSITION-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS**

Dana Eaglefeathers-This position was advertised. I recused myself from participating in the interviews. As I understand there was a meeting and a selection was made.

Ryhal Rowland-I had a meeting with you last week, we went for about 45 minutes and you never did give me an answer. What I asked you was in all fairness. You were one of the biggest parts of me having this job. I went in and asked you for help and you said that you would be help me because of the human resource situation happening here. I took it and I figured it was a short term position. I asked you what kind of meeting you were having in Billings. You are constantly a bully you torture me. In all fairness, why didn't you do anything at once. We discussed all this, there was no communication.

Dana Eaglefeathers-All the jobs here in the tribe were advertised for 10 days. You have applied for how many jobs?

Ryhal-12.

Dana Eaglefeathers-You didn't apply, you set precedence for yourself.

Waylon Rogers-We did have a meeting. It wasn't a meeting to pre select Joey. It was a meeting to visit with them. He was not pre-selected. I told you if you applied for the job. I told you I would advocate for you. You didn't apply for the job.

Ryhal Rowland-Where's the black and white. Where's the rules that say you have to apply for it.

Waylon Rogers-As a group we decided that we would advertise all jobs. We did write letters for it to be advertised to the human resource department.

President Peña-It's a personnel issue and it shouldn't be on the floor. There's personnel things that we shouldn't be discussing.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Two years ago, I ran for office. My biggest thing was accountability. Last year, I stood up to accountability. We held the former President accountable for his actions. We had the federal government vindicate us. After the election, it's pretty sad because of you ran and got into office on vendetta.



Lane Spottedelk-This is your agenda that you made.

Dana Eaglefeathers-When I'm done, we'll move on. It's really sad that we're going to bend the rules because that's my cousin or to get votes next year.

Henry Speelman-What's sad is you pre-selected someone in Denver.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Since the election we have all these internal committees, a lot of these meetings are set by ordinance.

Dolly Rockroads-These two ladies over here ran for Council. You talked to Shasta over there. You were all taking up for a criminal there.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I think it was the Conrad Fisher stuff. As long as he paid it back it's ok. Henry accused me of accepting \$10,000 from a white family. When things come to surface, you need black and white.

Henry Speelman-You want black and white, you have that issue in crow, go take care of it.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I'm in the process of taking care of it. We had Diane send Gene a text saying she was going to resign from land authority. Lane told us.

Diane Spottedelk-I did that because another child had come in saying they needed to get to Billings right now. We had to take a little bit from each one. It wasn't just against him. There was others.

Dana Eaglefeathers-There's been a lot coming in and saying Diane helps who she wants. We should make it consistent across the board. You took out of charity, \$800 for Johnny Wilson and without another signature.

Diane Spottedelk-It didn't go to John Wilson, it was for two twins that came home for their brothers funeral.

Mary Ann Fisher-They have a parent that works as the assistant judge in Crow. He works. She's trying to get a kidney transplant. As for the media specialist, I seen what she did to Kristina Quaempts. Look how she treats people. These employees that come in with complaints, they go to William, they go to Rennie. This is so unorganized. I asked him a question and he said no. When you come in here, saying she's the only one that's a provider for a home. We have a Headstart Director that's a non member.

Dolly Rockroads-If you go to any other tribe, they wouldn't even hire a Cheyenne.

Mary Ann Fisher-I sat here Look at the writing on the laundry mat. That' was a message that a teenager was telling us in a different way.

Lavonda Brady-I've been calling to where our funding is coming from. This federal funding is based on half or more. He told me that only people that are half and more can use this federal funding. We live at West Side, they kicked me out of the house. They kicked me out of my

house. My house is condemned. They had the nerve to tell me, that I needed to get my own inspector. I paid my unit off, I'm still homeless. We looked at that place, they are supposed to be for people that have no income, Alonzo Spang was really upset. Today, all those people that were up for eviction now they're evicted. I am out on the streets. Housing can make decisions and this council will back them, even if it's wrong. Do you help the people? Do you respect the people? They are not even half or more. I paid off a unit and I'm homeless. What about all those people walking around on the streets bringing this funding. They're paying for you to raise your kids. I'm so upset. There is funding there, that's supposed to go to these units. You had persons working in there. You don't get in touch with these positions. Your personal interest is your job, your home, wherever you live. I'm still sitting here without my stuff. You guys need to do your work.

President Peña-Make it priority and come up with a solution. Nobody protects the interest of membership. I'm going to direct them to meet with you.

Waylon Rogers-You came in. You had a complaint on Conrad. I admit that I did forget about it.

**MOTION MADE BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS TO APPOINT JOEY LITTLEBIRD FOR THE MEDIA SPECIALIST POSITION. SECOND BY WAYLON ROGERS.  
ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Eva Foote</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>		<b>X</b>		

<b>3 votes Yes</b>	<b>7 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Failed</b>
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**LAND AUTHORITY COMPOSITION-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS**

Dana Eaglefeathers-This is giving the Land Authority back to the community. We are not making any movement, we are letting our people down.

Eva Foote-I do think we need to all come together to get this resolved.

Diane Spottedelk-I'm in favor of giving it back to the people. It is a mess, and we need to get some things resolved.

Dana Eaglefeathers-We have a lot of issues that need to be cleaned up.

Diane Spottedelk-In the discussion we had with the President and William, we came up with some solutions.

**MOTION MADE BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS TO PUT THE LAND AUTHORITY UNDER THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT UNTIL A BOARD IS SELECTED.  
ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>		<b>X</b>		

**4 votes Yes          6 votes No          0 Abstentions          Motion Failed**

**TERO ORDINANCE-HENRY SPEELMAN**

Dana Eaglefeathers-Again, for the record. How many times has this been tabled for a working session? We are hindering progress.

**MOTION MADE BY HENRY SPEELMAN TO TABLE THE AGENDA ITEM.  
SECOND BY DEBRA CHARETTE.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

**9 votes Yes          1 vote No          0 Abstentions          Motion Carried**

**ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT-ROBERTA BIGBACK**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NATION-WIDE ELDER NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**

Motion made by Debra Charette. Second by Philip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>10 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**DRUG OFFENSE ORDINANCE-DANA EAGLEFEATHERS**

Dana Eaglefeathers-We were told by BIA that there was a treatment facility in Hardin, doing something about our Meth and Opioids. I did meet with Prosecution, Judges, and Chief of Police.

Diane Spottedelk-There was a meeting between you and the prosecution and the courts? Judge Roundstone was pleased that there was finally going to be a discussion. Are the courts and prosecution ready?

Lane Spottedelk-What about the districts?

Ernest Littlemouth-I think these are a little harsh. They need some kind of drug court. We need to help them in another way.

Philip Beckman-It lies on the court and prosecution to recommend. My thoughts on this, meth and heroin, it's already in Billings. We are taking a stand and harsher penalties. We all know the havoc it wreaks here. To touch on what Councilman Littlemouth said, getting help for these people. We're trying to get recovery help. If we start putting some teeth in this, it will deter. Usually cases like this, it lies on the courts and prosecution to offer help. We need to continue to strengthening our relationship with our judicial branch. Through this we will be able to help the process of this.

Ernest Littlemouth-When they get back to the reservation, they need support.

Dana Eaglefeathers -This will push us to go to the next level. There's already funding allocated. It's just a matter of going through the process.

Eva Foote-Did you see what other tribes are doing?

Dana Eaglefeathers-Other tribes are way ahead of us. Our laws are so out dated. Our separation of powers ordinance. Across the board, the laws are vague, they don't have teeth to them.

President Peña-It doesn't hold the person to treatment.

Diane Spottedelk-We want something to be here for them.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Right now we do have a drug problem here.

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH MANDATORY PENALTY FOR HEROIN, METHAMPHETAMINE OR PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DRUG OFFENSES IN THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE LAW & ORDER CODE.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Philip Beckman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Henry Speelman</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>		<b>X</b>		

<b>4 votes Yes</b>	<b>5 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Failed</b>
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**MARIJUANA POSSESSION ORDINANCE-WITHDRAWN BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS**

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING DOI-121 (2018)-WITHDRAWN BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS**

**Henry Speelman departs at 4:30 for appointment.**  
**Phillip Beckman acting Sergeant at Arms**

**BIA FUNDING-GRASSLANDS RESTORATION-JASON WHITEMAN**

Jason Whiteman-This was approved by BIA-The purpose for this, is one of the goals is to restore some of the grasslands. We want to do 800 acres this year and 800 acres last year. We have two types of birds we want to put on our invasive species. We have a five-year agreement. Looking for different endangered species.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR GRASSLANDS RESTORATION FOR PRAIRIE WILDLIFE ON THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL LANDS FOR THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.** Motion made by Lane Spottedelk. Second by Eva Foote.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman				X
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers				X
Vice President Russell	X			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Break @ 4:44 p.m.**

**Reconvene @ 4:58 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY DEBRA CHARETTE TO TABLE AGENDA ITEMS 20, 21, 22.  
SECOND BY WAYLON ROGERS.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Debra Charette	X			
Philip Beckman	X			
Eva Foote	X			
Diane Spotted Elk	X			
Henry Speelman				X
Merlin Sioux				
Lane Spotted Elk	X			
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.	X			
Waylon Rogers	X			
Dana Eaglefeathers				X
Vice President Russell	X			

<b>8 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**20. HEALING HEARTS-FY19 TRIBAL SET ASIDE GRANT-MEREDITH MCCONNELL  
TABLED**

**21. ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE-WALLACE BEARCHUM-TABLED**

## **22. BEAR BUTTE MANAGEMENT PLAN-WALLACE BEARCHUM-TABLED**

### **CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT-CARLA FISHER/KRISTINA QUAEMPTS**

Diane Spottedelk-Charleston Yellowfox has come from Billings, he is not on the agenda. He wants to explain something real fast.

President Peña-There's an Ordinance to keep the council from hearing personnel.

Dana made motion-Debbie second

Dolly Rockroads-What this ordinance says you can't hear a personnel issue. I handed these out from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. What you have is a notice of a civil rights. We already set out a course. With 638 contracts, if any persons rights are violated, they can go for re-assumption. I went to the BIA and they told me write a notice of a violation. I did that for my client, they took her baby for two years. We did that, that was part of the reason BIA has social services. Here, we're dealing with Tribal Health, Headstart, and THPO. We met with the Acting Regional Director. We were up there, we just went up there to get the lady from the Self Determination Specialist. They said not to do it here, she doesn't have authority. They said to give the notice to the Self Determination Specialist. They've already exhausted their remedies. They filed to the appeals board. They never scheduled a hearing, you don't have an appeals board. Their rights have been violated. I tried to talk to you, you just walked away. You didn't even listen. They didn't set a hearing, that complaint, grievance was turned over to a lawyer. They have already violated her rights. The notices are there.

Ernest Littlemouth-I'm the liaison for tribal health and they said they were going to meet on it.

Dolly Rockroads-To this day, they still never scheduled anything. They violated my client's civil rights no due process. That's the best thing that's going to happen. They need someone else to come in and run it because that board don't know what they're doing.

Dana Eaglefeathers-Does that cover Carla and Kristina?

Dolly Rockroads-Yes, Board of Health and Headstart and THPO.

Dana Eaglefeathers-You guys waited all day long to tell us that you're filing a civil rights violation. Now we can give that paperwork to them. You're the governing body and you've been notified.

Dolly Rockroads-Unless you want to put them all back to work.

Dana Eaglefeathers-You betcha, I would.

Dolly Rockroads-You've violated commissioner's rights too. The Board of Health Chair got caught for a DUI and they're over the recovery.

Mary Ann Fisher-Where does Carla go, if the personnel issue isn't heard here. Where does she take her complaint? And where does she get her relief. This is her complaint under Headstart.

She asked for the compliant to be removed. She's done her steps with William and went to his supervisor, Rennie. Where does she get her relief from?

Dana Eaglefeathers-I was under the impression that you went through the administrative process.

Mary Ann Fisher-I thought that the next step would be here with the Council.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I had a complaint from Carla and there is relief sought here. I thought we were going to hear the complaint itself.

Dolly Rockroads- In the 2000 Personnel Manual, Indian Civil Rights Act, the 2016 Personnel Manual-Took the act out, it needs to be reinserted. The Appeals Board needs to be reappointed.

Lenny Elkshoulder-The meth issue, something needs to get done. I think that something needs to be done about what's going on here. Election is going to come and it's going to turn over. What I see here today, it's a lot of division. I'm here to observe and watch you guys. I think what's going on over here, why do they want to go that far. The President wrote me a letter, they signed it, came back here. It took me like 9 months, I don't give up. For this body to say that they can't decide what's going to happen to you. You walk around this place, zombies everywhere. When I was a transit driver, there were people on the streets every day. I'm tired of seeing what meth does to our people. If you don't start addressing meth, it's going to get worse. People are going to start killing each other, it's getting that close. People voted for you to have your own mind. I can't get a job to save my life here, I'm a felon, when I got out I never looked back. As long as you have division, nothing is going to crack here. You have to wake up, in two years it's coming. And what happened with Jace, I read the papers about what happened. What it said is him, and his co-conspirators, that means who he's dealing with. The investigations aren't done. There's other people that are going to go down. When you plead guilty to something, it's going down in black and white. He's not going down by himself. This Council better wake up. This tribe needs to get out of this funk. People are losing their family members and it's sad. As long as you condone crime, the people voted you in to have your own minds. Get down to the real issues, this tribe needs to come up. One question I have for the President, if you bailed out a meth dealer?

President Peña-My family had a death in the family, Annie Limberhand passed away. Her grandson was in jail, got caught and sat his charges out and he was sitting on an old warrant. All the family pitched in and bonded him out. The family was making funeral arrangements, and I got the cashier's check.

Lenny Elkshoulder-Is it ethical for you to do that?

President Peña-We had a great loss, that was an elder for this tribe.

Lenny Elkshoudler-I was in prison when my grandpa died. My grandpa was very influential, he was respected. They never got me out.

President Peña-If I had known it was going to be a big issue, I wouldn't have done it. To this day, I don't even know what the charges are.



Lenny Elkshoulder-If you're poisoning your own people, leave him in there. He's a known meth dealer, and you bonded him out.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I was the one that shared it with Lenny, he's my district constituent.

President Peña-I didn't know what his charges were.

Philip Beckman-I discussed this with Dolly Rockroads. We are charging the administration with getting the appeals board.

Lane Spottedelk-Another issue we're going to have, I don't know if they would hear a resignation.

Dana Eaglefeathers-They said that they typed up the resignation for her. She acknowledged and wrote on the paper that she was going to accept the withdrawal of the resignation.

Dolly Rockroads-Here's your personnel manual. The grievance procedure, it says no advocate, no legal representative. That's a civil rights violation.

Mary Ann Fisher-You guys should hire an independent investigator to investigate complaints. It would avoid coming in here to the floor.

Dana Eaglefeathers-I'm not okay with non- tribal members doing what she did to you. And the other six. I did ask human resources about the hiring process and scoring sheet. She didn't get back to me. I would ask the President to go into executive session and discuss this.

**Request for Executive Session @ 5:59 p.m.**

**Reconvene @ 6:44 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY DANA EAGLEFEATHERS TO HAVE LIAISONS AND PRESIDENT WORK TOGETHER IN APPOINTING A MEDIATOR TO MEET WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS. COMPENSATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO MEDIATOR.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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Charleston Yellowfox-I have an issue regarding My grandkids were unlawfully taken from myself and my family. They were adopted out, I found out by accident that they were in the process of adoption. It was done by Michelle Littlewolf. She did not notify family members of what she was doing. I told her that I didn't want them adopted out. She avoids me. To this day, I have not seen my grandkids. I have a set of twins that are out somewhere, I don't know the whereabouts. This has come from Michelle. In order for ICWA to do that, the Council has to approve adoption. I bet you won't find anything where the Council approved adoption. This is my first time talking to you guys. This fighting for my grandkids is a big issue to me. She ruined my life. You guys all celebrate Christmas and thanksgiving with your families. She always brings up my past, she does not realize what I've accomplished since then. Thomasine and Addie Baker made a home visit, they said my apartment was too small to hold four grandkids. I told this to Thomasine and all she said was I'll look into it and get back to you. I got one from Winfield that says the tribe is going to intervene on my behalf. The Council has not made any attempt to help try to get my grandkids back. I don't know why they were taken. Everything is confidential. She won't give me a reason why. She's still here. Is she still doing the same thing? I think so. I'm running into brick walls all the time. I need some help. This is very hard for me, not knowing. I tried to get this resolved years ago. These are my grandkids that are enrolled, I want them back home.

Dana Eaglefeathers-If there's anything we can do, this governing body has taken action. It says in our constitution that we will appoint guardians. We're trying to help bring our kids home. We've met with the regional director of CPS. This governing body is not okay with them being out there. I will assure, if there's a way we can help, we will help you. We want to help. We will help.

President Peña-I feel your frustration. We don't like our kids getting adopted out. We met with CPS, concerning stuff like this. It's a work in progress. We're movers and shakers.

Philip Beckman-We're going in the direction, he needed six years ago.

President Peña-Hopefully, we can get something in a good time frame.

Dana Eaglefeathers-If there's absolutely nothing we can do, we'll get back to you. We won't leave you hanging.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.** Motion made by Dana Eaglefeathers. Second by Debra Charette.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Debra Charette</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Philip Beckman</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Eva Foote</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Diane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Henry Speelman</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Merlin Sioux</b>				
<b>Lane Spotted Elk</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Ernest Littlemouth, Sr.</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Waylon Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>Dana Eaglefeathers</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vice President Russell</b>	<b>X</b>			

<b>9 votes Yes</b>	<b>0 votes No</b>	<b>0 Abstentions</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>
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**Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.



Melissa Lonebear, Tribal Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe