

CALLLED MEETING
OMAHA TRIBAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 9, 2026

Public Tribal Chambers

Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:06 am

Roll Call: **Leander: _X_ Cheyenne: _X_ Galen: _X_ Jeff: _AB_ Alan: _AB_ Jason: _X_ Jazelle: _X_**

Present: 5 Absent: 2

Invocation: Jayzon Hundley

Recording Secretary: Leander Merrick & Nikia Cline

- ❖ NAC – Milton Miller
- ❖ Cannabis Commission – John Cartier
- ❖ State elections – Janet Nielson
- ❖ Quick Current – Ruben Zendejas

FTR: A. Harlan joined the meeting at 11:12 am

1) Resolutions:

- a) **RE 26-107** Establishing the Omaha Water Sovereignty Initiative, Designating the Tribal Planner as Project Coordinator, and Directing interdepartmental cooperation in support of Water Infrastructure Assessment, Planning, Funding and Development

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson **Second:** Leander Merrick **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

- b) **RE 26-108** Authorizing Execution of Agreement between the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and State of Nebraska for improvement of Highway US-75 location on the Omaha Reservation known as Macy – Project No, M3075C

FTR: Tabled

- c) **RE 26-109** Notice of Due Process Hearing to Chairman Jeff Gilpin under Article VI, Section 13 based on Criminal Complaint and Related March 17, 2026 Conduct

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson **Second:** Leander Merrick **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

- d) **RE 26-110** Formal opening and closing hours for the Omaha Tribal Cemetery

Motion: Leander Merrick **Second:** Jazelle Miller **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

- e) **RE 26-111** Approving and Authorizing release of the Omaha Tribes statement regarding Tribal Sovereignty, Peyote-Mescaline, and Unauthorized representation of Native Ceremonies

Motion: Leander Merrick **Second:** Jazelle Miller **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

2) Minutes:

- a) June 4, 2026

Motion: Alan Harlan **Second:** Leander Merrick **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

3) Program/Business Updates and Microix Queue Over \$10,000.00:

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A) Food Distribution

- a) FY2027 FDPIR Administrative Budget requests

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B) Carl T Curtis Health Education Center

- a) Professional Services Employment Agreement – Suzanne Anderson

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson Second: Jazelle Miller Council vote yes: 4 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 2

- b) EN-127224 Biomerieux inc – Laboratory supplies \$12,600.00

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson Second: Jazelle Miller Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1

C) Transit

- a) EN-128788 Knoepfler Chevrolet – Vehicle maintenance \$12,787.53

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson Second: Jazelle Miller Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1

D) Roads Department

- a) EN-128936 Thurston County Clerk – Morrow bridge design \$14,315.00

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson Second: Leander Merrick Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1

- b) EN-128935 Thurston County Clerk – Farm bridge design \$12,321.00

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson Second: Leander Merrick Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1

- c) EN-128825 KLJ Engineering – Professional services invoice \$44,682.70

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson Second: Leander Merrick Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1

E) ARPA

- a) Total Construction – Unpaid invoice for work done \$10,704.00

FTR: Tabled

F) Miscellaneous

- a) Pe'Zhitu Housing Project – ARPA Subaward Financial Review Summary

- b) Big Elk Development Corporation – ARPA Compliance Review Findings

- a. CFO Arthur Taylor and Comptroller Marisol Lantz to conduct a comprehensive financial audit on the Pe'Zhitu Housing Project

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson Second: Leander Merrick Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1

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- c) Motion to select Ansley Griffin Jr for the permanent Chief of Police and waive 90 day probationary period – Due to state of emergency

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson **Second:** Alan Harlan **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

- d) Motion to authorize the Attorney General to negotiate a term sheet with Puff Cannabis Company

Motion: Cheyenne Robinson **Second:** Leander Merrick **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

G) Travel

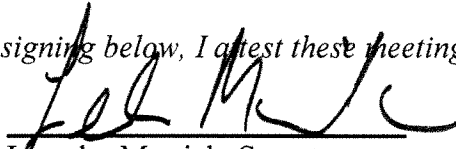
- a) Travel to Omaha, NE for FBI meet and greet with new director – Vice Chairman and Attorney General

Motion: Leander Merrick **Second:** Jazelle Miller **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

Adjournment: 2:59 pm

Motion: Leander Merrick **Second:** Cheyenne Robinson **Council vote yes: 5 no: 0 abstain: 1 absent: 1**

By signing below, I attest these meeting minutes are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge



Leander Merrick, Secretary
Omaha Tribal Council
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska