



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 7, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Travis Morrison;
Shane Drift; Peter Boney (council by ZOOM)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robbie Goggleye (by ZOOM); Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Dani Pieratos;
Darnell Goggleye; Jaylen Strong; Darren Landgren; Tracey Geshick; Corey
Goodbird; Travis Vake; Melissa Hawk; Theresa Morrison; David Morrison, Jr.;
Barb Brodeen

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the removal of the Programmatic Agreement for School Contract with National Park Service. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held August 5, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

There are no new tribal government staff to introduce.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source 60 iPads from the Council for the Nett Lake Elementary School. The iPads will be purchased from Apple Education program in the amount of \$28,440.00 which is providing a reduced cost for the school
- 2) Approved the request from Joel Astleford to purchase a Low Boy tractor (\$123,065.17) and plow truck (\$204,217.89) from Mid-State Truck
- 3) Approved to open Early Head Start, Head Start, and the Boys & Girls Club on September 8, 2020 with their COVID plans in place
- 4) Appointed Beverly Steel as Alternate to the District I Election Board, replacing Ray Villebun, Jr.
- 5) Appointed Bridget Villebrun as Alternate to the District I Election Board, replacing Beverly Steel

- 6) Approved the request from Dan Milbridge/Andy Datko to sole source contract award to Nelson Collie Electric in the amount of \$104,949 for the Vermillion Wellness Center generator install project
- 7) Approved the request from Dan Milbridge/Andy Datko to accept the low bid from Superior Camper for the purchase and delivery of two 8X20 ground level mobile office units in the amount of \$29,825. The unites to be used for COVID-19 screening and testing
- 8) Approved the request from Kim Greiner to open 2 new bank accounts at the American Bank for the New Moon Housing Program (closing 2 bank accounts at Bank One in Walker MN)
- 9) Approved the Boys and Girls Club COVID-19 Operational Procedures
- 10) Approved the Bois Forte Early Childhood Programs Re-Opening Plan
- 11) Adopted Resolution No. 36-2021: approval of the submission of the Living Language Grant Program Application and Project Narrative
- 12) Approved the request from Kim Greiner to open 2 new bank accounts at the American Bank for the Tax Credit III program (closing 2 bank accounts at Bank One in Walker MN)
- 13) Approved the uses of US Treasury Funds as of August 26, 2020
- 14) Approved the Rice Buying CARES Act Funding Request
- 15) Adopted Resolution No. 37-2021: Establishment of the Bois Forte COVID-19 Wild Rice Program
- 16) Approved Contractor Agreement with Dorene Day to provide ZOOM session-Cultural Guidance "Four Medicines" for the Twin Cities Urban Office
- 17) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source two X-Ray machines from GE Healthcare to replace the X-Ray machines at Nett Lake and Vermillion Clinics
- 18) Approved the request from Travis Vake to sole source the Bois Forte Head Start Large Muscle Room contract from Architectural Resources, Inc.
- 19) Adopted Resolution No. 38-2021: approving the Band's participation in the Midwest Tribal Opioid Meta-Evaluation project
- 20) Approved the Addendum to the Purchase Agreement (the SUD Addendum)
- 21) Approved the office space lease with Kootasca Community Action, Inc. for the Bois Forte Prevention Program in International Falls
- 22) Approved the request from Nikki Irving to sole source the Regroup instant notification system
- 23) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source the Vmware licensing from Compudyne in the amount of \$6,438
- 24) Approved the contract for meals with ISD #707 (Nett Lake School) for Bois Forte Head Start, Early Head Start-Child Care programs
- 25) Approved the Greystone Construction bid of \$52,600 for two 32X28 engineered fabric buildings, including delivery, anchoring foundations, and installation for drive through COVID Testing Structures
- 26) Adopted Resolution No. 39-2021: Bois Forte Housing to demolish and remove of two mobile homes on Lots 11 and 12 for the Tiny Homes Project 2020
- 27) Adopted Resolution No. 40-2021: Establishment of the Bois Forte Safe Shelter Program

- 28) Approved the Bois Forte Safe Shelter Program Guidelines
 - 29) Approved award of a contract to Max Grey Construction in the amount of \$71,300 for the Vermilion Clinic Pharmacy expansion and nurses station renovation project
 - 30) Adopted Resolution No. 41-2020: Residential Lease – Edward T. and Catherine Chavers
 - 31) Adopted Resolution No. 42-2020: Residential Lease – Esther Connor
 - 32) Approved renewal of 2020-2021 Commercial Insurance with Travelers Companies
 - 33) Approved the MOU between Bois Forte Health and Human Services and the Nett Lake Elementary School for therapy services for the 2020-2021 school year
 - 34) Approved the MOU between Bois Forte Health and Human Services and the North Woods School for therapy services for the 2020-2021 school year
 - 35) Adopted Resolution No. 43-2021: Recreational Lease – Donald and Karlene Chosa
 - 36) Approved the request from Kim Greiner to sole source the compartments for the prisoner transport van from Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$26,485.45
 - 37) Approved the request from Melissa Wright to sole source smudge kits for the mental health component unit of the CARES Act funding in the amount of \$27,747.50
 - 38) Adopted Resolution No. 44-2021: designating the 40-acre parcel of land, formally known as Joe Roy's field as a "No Hunting" area
 - 39) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source the purchase of the Full Court Tribal Court and ICWA software module in the amount of \$118,630 and a reoccurring yearly cost of approximately \$16,000
 - 40) Approved the FY2021 Federal Head Start Grant
- Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the consent agenda, Shane Drift wanted it noted that he opposed the opening of the Early Head Start, Head Start, and the Boys & Girls Club on September 8, 2020 with their COVID plans in place.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to table the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bois Forte Food Sovereignty & Sustainable Agriculture Community Advocacy Group and the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Government. A Zoom meeting is to be set up between the Council, Dani Pieratos, Kim Greiner, and Jenna Lehti, to discuss the indirect cost rate and Fortune Bay for reduced venue prices. Carried 4-0-0.

Dani Pieratos said the AEOA/Rutabaga Project will provide Bois Forte with fifty 2-week emergency meal kits to distribute to quarantined households. They are requesting a letter of support so they can pursue grants to supplement the meal kits with indigenous foods (wild rice, teas, and maple syrup products) and household hygiene products.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve a letter of support for the AEOA/Rutabaga Project to pursue grants to purchase indigenous foods and household hygiene kits to supplement the meal kits they will be distributing. Carried 4-0-0.

Dani Pieratos is requesting permission to draft a proposal for the Musser Fund for a PT Food & Energy Sovereignty Coordinator position on behalf of the Bois Forte Tribal Government. The Tribal Government would have to submit on its own behalf and house the position at the Tribal Government. The Coordinator would procure fresh, healthy and Indigenous foods for the Bois Forte Food Shelf, initiate the planning for a Food Sovereignty Assessment, network with Rutabaga Project for cross-cultural education and training programs for Bois Forte tribal citizens.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Dani Pieratos to draft a proposal for the Musser Fund for a Part-Time Food & Energy Sovereignty Coordinator position. Carried 4-0-0.

Dani Pieratos said the 8th Fire Solar (White Earth) was awarded a grant to work with Bois Forte Food Sovereignty & Sustainable Agriculture Group to install two solar thermal panels, one at a housing unit at Vermilion and one at the Nett Lake C-Store. That group will provide solar panel training for Bois Forte Tribal members on October 28 and 29 at Fortune Bay. They are also requesting rooms at Fortune Bay.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the solar panels from 8th Fire Solar for the C-Store in Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Resolution No. 50-2021, to approve the request from Dani Pieratos to work with a RTG staff member to co-develop and co-host virtual community input meetings, to facilitate data collection of community member knowledge of food and energy systems, traditional foods and interest in Spring and Summer 2021 Food & Energy Sovereignty trainings for Bois Forte members to build Bois Forte tribal citizen capacity to participate in the development of a community-driven tribal food and agriculture code. Carried 4-0-0.

Dani Pieratos is requesting to partner with the tribal government to host registration for future food and energy sovereignty trainings for tribal members through the TERO and/or Education Departments so they can advertise/promote tribal member services and resources that are already for wrap-around support for training participants. Chairwoman Chavers said the council will ask the tribal attorney to draft a resolution for this and it will be polled for approval.

Jaylen Strong said he is doing a Thesis Study for the Masters of Tribal Administration program he is taking at UMD. He originally wanted to do a strategic plan for language revitalization. But his advisor said that would probably be too big of a project because take about a year to complete. So he wants to go to the different programs and survey what they have or want regarding language. He would like to

do a survey to see how many people speak the language and speak it regularly. He would do the survey online and in the Bois Forte News and have a drop box at the Nett Lake C-Store and Fortune Bay. He is requesting approval to do the survey.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve Jaylen Strong doing a survey for his Thesis Study. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the MOU between the USDOl, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Portage, Fond du Lac and Twin Metals. Jaylen Strong said the MOU is still being reviewed by the tribal attorney. Jaylen said he would like to have Derek Morrison learn the monitoring of the sites. Elders used to do the monitoring but they are getting too old to go out for 8-10 hours a day. So Jaylen is looking for younger people to do it. Fond du Lac will be providing three monitoring trainings in November at the Black Bear, and Bois Forte can send as many people as we want. Jaylen said the MOU is also at the Bureau of Land Management but they are not giving information, the raw data they are supposed to be sending.

Shane Drift said the MOU says Grand Portage and Fond du Lac are on the MOU. Shane said if Bois Forte approves this, Bois Forte is not approving it for them. Jaylen said the MOU will be split so each Band has their own MOU.

Chairwoman Chavers said there will be a 1854 Authority board meeting next week and this can be discussed there. She said they will also meet with Fond du Lac.

Darren Landgren asks about the Johnson Lake site, if there are any projects going on there. Chairwoman Chavers said not right now, but the council has talked about fixing the road, and Joel Astleford is looking at the water and electricity. Darren asks if it is okay for Band members to hunt. Chairwoman Chavers said there are some residences near the property. And the access to the property is locked with a gate. Darren asks about the cabins and would the council make a resort. Chairwoman Chavers said there are issues with the water because there is ledge rock. Travis Morrison said to have someone go check on the cabins. Chairwoman Chavers said there should be a presentation on the Johnson Lake property so the Band members will know where it is and what can be done with it.

Darren Landgren asks about the SORNA Code in regard to the distance sex offenders can live and if it was repealed. Chairwoman Chavers said it used to be that offenders couldn't be in some areas. There were issues with law enforcement because it was being applied to some individuals but not to others. There were offenders attending powwows. The resolution has been put on hold but needs to be revisited. There needs to be a community meeting on the code.

Tracey Geshick and Corey Goodbird said he has been a butcher for five years and they started this year to process deer and bear. They currently operate out of their home. They used their stimulus checks to purchase equipment such as walk-in coolers, freezers, mobile slaughterhouses, and mobile chicken

processing plants. They are requesting to continue to function in their yard until they move to a new location. They a map of two possible locations.

Chairwoman Chavers asks what Indian Health Service said. Corey said they have a plan in place and they cart the carcasses off daily. Theresa Morrison said it is a housing house and the lease is for residential purposes, and no animals can be on the property except household pets. The house is not meant for businesses. Corey said there are no live animals except chickens. Chairwoman Chavers said the tribal attorney would need to be contacted because it is a HUD house. And the departments would needs to be met with. Theresa said she would agree with extending the request. Theresa said she took pictures and it was not in the mobile unit. Chairwoman Chavers said the council needs to do what is right for Tracey and Corey and the Band. Corey said they did put in for another lot with Barb Brodeen. Chairwoman Chavers said they will try to have a meeting next week in regard to their requests.

Travis Vake presents an agreement with Luthern Social Services (LSS) to provide 2 training sessions a year with staff. Those would allow Band members to have one-on-one counseling sessions. LSS would do up to six educations presentations to the community, like debt management. The cost would be \$9,600 and \$6,640 could be covered with COVID monies and the rest with a Community Action Grant. Chairwoman Chavers said to offer them in ZOOM for off-reservation Band members.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to table the agreement with LSS until more information is received on the \$9,640. Carried 4-0-0.

Travis Vake said he will working on a short term Conorovirus grant. He is to get a resolution from the Tribal Attorney for the grant.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Melissa Hawk to sole source the purchase of new A1C Machines from the HD1 Grant account. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney to approve the request from Melissa Hawk/David Morrison Jr. to purchase of a stair climber machine from Johnson Fitness & Wellness (low bid) for the Fitness Center (from the HD1 grant). Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift reads the last two paragraphs of Resolution No. 35-2021 in regard to staff being able to carry out their job duties. He said if a Band member came to him he would look into it and ask the directors about it. He said the council has an obligation to look into situations. Chairwoman Chavers before the resolution was in place, using water & san as an example, people would get disconnections and they would talk to a council member who would tell the director to hook them back up.

Barb Brodeen said she received a lease application for a recreational lease at Deer Creek. That is the first one she ever received for Deer Creek. Chairwoman Chavers said the zoning ordinance and land use

plan is in place and asks if Deer Creek was included in it. Barb said it was declared a Natural Resource area, there are 120 acres. Peter Boney said you have to walk to the area Bois Forte owns. Barb said there are complaints there are ATV marks on the land. She asked the Conservation Officers if they could post it as a "No Hunting area". David Morrison Sr. asks if there is time before winter to go look at Deer Creek. The council was going to go see it but the trip got cancelled. David said to post it that it belongs to the Band and there are to be no ATV's. Chairwoman Chavers said that due to it designated as a natural resource area it can't be leased for recreational purposes. Barb will send an email to Sidra Starkovich to start working on the signs. Chairwoman Chavers said a trip is to be scheduled for the council to go look at Deer Creek.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to appoint Travis Morrison as Vice-Chair for Bois Forte (a new election was held and the council needs to appoint a Vice-Chair after each election).
Carried 3-0-1. Travis Morrison silent.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt Resolution No. 45-2021, tribal and individual 2020-2021 membership dues to the National Congress of American Indians. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Ordinance No. 46-2021, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Reservation Tribal Council Code of Ethics. Carried 4-0-0. Chairwoman Chavers said the Code of Ethics is for the tribal council only. The employees will be covered by the personnel policy.

David Morrison Sr. said to send a thank you letter to the code of ethic committee members.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.