



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 21, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:22 a.m.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers; David Morrison, Sr.; Travis Morrison;
Shane Drift; Peter Boney

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robbie Goggleye; Vicki Villebrun; Gene Goodsky; Teri Morrison; Theresa M.
Morrison; Doris Isham

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of Sue Larson with a request for additional renovations at the Vermilion Clinic, and Doris Isham with a resolution for the Short-Term Coronavirus Relief Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held October 7, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes, Shane Drift asks about the Tiny Homes project and if they started and when it will be completed. Chairwoman Chavers said some of the concrete work has been completed on a couple. The homes aren't here yet. Theresa has been in touch with them about delivery.

During approval of the minutes, Shane Drift asks about the Safe Shelter program and if the deadline is December 30. Chairwoman Chavers said the money has to be spent by December 30. She doesn't know if there is a deadline on it.

During approval of the minutes, Chairwoman Chavers asks Robbie if the thank you letter got drafted to the Code of Ethics committee members. Robbie Goggleye said not yet, Wick-o has thank you cards. They just have to be written up. Chairwoman Chavers said that was a lot of work for the committee. Chairwoman Chavers said the new approved Code of Ethics is posted on the new Bois Forte website.

During approval of the minutes, Chairwoman Chavers said there was discussion on Deer Creek, on the recreational lease at Deer Creek. Robbie and some of the conservation officers and the DNR Director – Tara Geshick went to Deer Creek. Robbie said they did go, and Barb Brodeen was there too. They went and looked for the 4-wheeler tracks. There are some tracks but they are about a year and half, maybe two years old. Robbie said they were all in agreement, and Tara will send a report on it, and that they will recommend it stay within the Land Use Program, and they will look at it again next year before any homes are authorized out there.

During approval of the minutes, Shane Drift said during the winter in regard to the tiny homes, how about putting a generator in them in case the power goes out. Because if someone is in them because they are quarantined, they would still have heat. Chairwoman Chavers said that can be brought up when Kim gets back. David Morrison Sr. said maybe buy a couple of small generators through the COVID dollars to have on standby for people that are quarantined. Chairwoman Chavers said that is a good idea too, for the people that are on oxygen to have access to. That is also something to discuss with Kim. There is some money left over and there is about 71 days to spend that money. She asks Robbie to ask Kim to check into it for the people in quarantine, oxygen, and other medical needs. Robbie said there are two in the fire hall.

During approval of the minutes, David Morrison Sr. said in regard to the new Code of Ethics, does the council think those should be printed up and made available for Band members to pick up. Pamphlets were made up for the last Code of Ethics. Chairwoman Chavers said yes, that is a good idea.

Chairwoman Chavers said there are no new staff here today but there are new staff, how will that be done. Robbie said there is no system yet, but he is getting it set up with Eddie Chavers.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the request from Jacque Wilson to sole source, for the Minneapolis Urban Office,
 1. 300 Cub Food Gift Cards @ \$30 for homeless and larger families (totaling \$9,000), if needed, in place of food boxes being given out
 2. 400 meat boxes from Everett's Frozen Meats @ \$30 for the October food boxes (totaling \$12,000)
 3. 400 food box items from Aldi's Foods @ \$30 (totaling \$12,000)
- 2) Approved the award of a contract to MB Customs Development in the amount of \$111,157.96 for the Nett Lake Clinic renovation project, including alternate 1
- 3) Approved the request from Jaime Burdick to sole source doors from Arrow Auto Glass & Supply, Inc. for the police department in the amount of \$6,603.42
- 4) Approved the request from Louise Isham to sole source 180 VISA Gift Cards from the Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union for the Veteran's Celebration in the amount of \$6,840 (\$35.00 per card, \$3.00 per card fee)
- 5) Adopted Resolution No. 51-2021, MN COVID Food Fund Grant

- 6) Adopted Resolution No. 52-2021, Office of Justice Programs Short-Term Coronavirus Relief Grant
- 7) Approved the request from Jaime Burdick to sole source the security camera project from Custom Theaters Inc. for the Bois Forte Police Department in the amount of \$6,170.70

Carried 4-0-0.

Teri Morrison said the American Indian Cancer Foundation awarded funding in the amount of \$82,460 to Bois Forte. It is to be used for food purchases, other essential non-food products, and support for the provision of those resources. It has to be spent by December 30, 2020. Teri is looking at indigenous food for food boxes.

Shane Drift said there are things going on like this in Nett Lake and Vermilion, and in Duluth and the Twin Cities. There are Band members in Bemidji, can they be included in this program. Teri said it is dependent on how many food boxes can be purchased. Chairwoman Chavers said Bois Forte is trying to find out from Leech Lake if Bois Forte Band members are getting services over there. Chairwoman Chavers said the money needs to be spent by December 30. There are more guidelines on the CARES Act funding which is making it difficult for tribes to spend the money. There are hurdles for tribes to purchase equipment. You have to do a cost analysis, you have to see if it is cheaper to lease, buy, or rent. The council is looking at the Bemidji area. Teri said the full \$82,460 won't be used for the food boxes because there is indirect cost.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the American Indian Cancer Foundation "American Indian COVID-19 Food Security Grant Acceptance Letter". Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the WIC Grant Renewal. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Hunger Solutions "American Indian COVID-19 Food Security Acceptance Letter". Carried 4-0-0.

Theresa Morrison said the agreement with RTHawk Housing Alliance, LLC. Is for them to come and make sure the Housing Office is correct. They will go through all the files. The first file will be the Tax Credit III.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the amendment to the RTHawk Housing Alliance, LLC. consulting agreement for asset management services. Carried 4-0-0. Theresa Morrison is to set up an exit meeting for RTHawk to meet with the council. Theresa will schedule it for November 4.

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Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Resolution No. 53-2021, authorizing employees to work with Dani Pieratos from the AEOA/Rutabaga Project to implement the Virtual Community Input Meetings and Initiative to Network Band Member Resources for Trainings. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the additional renovations at the Vermillion Clinic in the amount of \$14,660. The project will create a PRC office more available to clients and better protection for registration. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to rescind Resolution No.52-2021, OJP Short-Term Coronavirus Relief Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt Resolution No. 54-2021, OJP Short-Term Coronavirus Relief Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.