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WILD RICE HARVEST LOOKS PROMISING

NETT LAKE— Barring any unforeseen circumstances, it looks like the 2023 Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Ricing Season will go on as planned.

This is welcome news for Bois Forte as the 2022 season had to be cancelled. "As of today (July 28), rice is in flowering stage, some rain but not damaging; conditions remain good for pollination and seed development," said DNR Director Chris Holm. "Water levels remain good for access. Surface coverage is very good, bed acreage has not yet been measured, that happens in August."

Please see www.boisforte.com for more details on the 2023 ricing season.

Welcome to the Bravery House!

The new shelter is a welcome addition to those struggling with homelessness

NETT LAKE—The phrase "This feels home" can be over-used at times, but not when it relates to a quiet three-bedroom rambler tucked away on W. Spruce St. just off Palmquist Road some 10 miles outside the Nett Lake Village.

And those three words summed up the way Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers felt about the rambler when she walked through the doors at a new Emergency Shelter repurposed for homeless people.

The rambler is very welcoming and will soon house those struggling with homelessness to give them a place to stay while they try to get back on their feet. However, long before this home had a new purpose, it served as a popular hangout as it was the former home of Ira and Ruth Isham.

Chavers talked about how her parents loved coming to the home to play cards, while Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick shared stories about hanging out at the house as a youngster. So too, did District I Rep. Travis Morrison, who is the grandson of Ira and Ruth Isham.

"This brings back a lot of memories," said Travis as he walked around the refurbished house, which used to be located in the Nett Lake Village before being moved to make way for the new Reservation Tribal Government Building. "I'm happy to see this house re-

purposed and put to such good use."

According to Bois Forte Housing Resources Manager Nette Larsen, the home will be able to accommodate three families or up to nine band members at any given time. The tenants would be allowed to stay in the shelter, which will be known as the Bravery House, for 30 days.

"Of course, we would not kick them out if there are working on bettering themselves and furthering themselves with their personal centered goals," said Larsen at the ribbon cutting ceremony, which was attended by community members, tribal government employees, and employees from the state who had a hand in seeing this project through.

While at the Bravery House, Larsen's staff will assist tenants with ongoing services they need, whether it be assistance with chemical dependency, mental health, or help with long-term housing solutions.

"As a resident of the Bravery House, they will be working on life skills, including chores such as doing their own laundry and cooking skills," said Larsen. "We will do our best to prepare them for their next step in finding transitional housing, like New Moon or permanent housing."

That was welcome news to District I Representative Shane



HAPPY CREW!— The ribbon cutting for the Bravery House in Nett Lake brought a lot of smiles and happy hearts! Pictured in the back row, left to right, are Tom Spears, Chrissy Fairchild, Katelyn Warburton and Francine Mathis; pictured in the front row, left to right, are Waynette "Nette" Larsen and Toni Wakemup.

Drift, who was on hand for the event along with the rest of the tribal council.

"It's a great day for Bois Forte because we are now taking another step in addressing homelessness and issues we face as a tribe for our people," said Drift.

After the ribbon cutting, Drift reiterated his thanks to the staff at Bois Forte and the state for their efforts in securing funding for the project.

"I used to work at Bill's house in Virginia years ago," said Drift of another home-

less shelter. "This shelter is a huge blessing to people facing homelessness. The comfort of having a roof over your head, a place to eat, wash your clothes, while you work on getting your life back in order is a huge relief."

Geshick, who took office last year, echoed those sentiments and talked about how the location of the Bravery House was perfect. She shared how she would often drive past the home, wondering why it was just sitting on blocks and

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Chairwoman Cathy Chavers



Boozhoo:
Summer is still with us. However,

fall is just around the corner. Our children will be getting ready for school soon, and ricing is approaching us as well. I am very pleased and excited for ricing this year as our lake is looking good so far, and we hope we will have a productive rice season.

I would like to give you an update on our ARPA projects. We are moving forward with our new Public Works/Food Shelf building in Vermilion; our Transit facility, propane station for transit, and our new DNR building are being worked on by staff.

One big issue is that we are running into a funding issue with these projects, as the costs associated with buildings

have increased tremendously when they were written. This means we will be looking for other funding and possible additional ARPA funding to complete these projects. At this time, we are still determining what those amounts will be once we get into the construction phase of these projects.

The Tribal Council and Senior Management met to go through all the funding passed by the state legislature to ensure that we actively pursue funding to help our tribal members and communities.

One program that also came out for all 11 tribes in Minnesota is the Aid to Tribal Government. Each tribe, if they

wish to participate, is eligible for funding through the state, similar to cities and counties. The amount of this funding is a total of \$35 million. The formula for distributing this funding is 50%, or 17.5 million, to be split between the 11 tribes if they choose to participate.

The other 50%, or 17.5 million, will be split among the tribe's certified enrollment population. We have sent our letter requesting this aid, and the funding will be distributed in December of this year. No determinations have been decided how to utilize this funding, but we will keep you updated on this.

Miigwech and have a safe month ahead.

Struggles at C Store continue, but it's getting better!

NETT LAKE— Location, location, location is often used to describe just how important that factor is to a business.

It's no secret that when it comes to the Nett Lake C Store, its location is what hinders it from being more successful like the Y Store outside of Tower, which is located on a major highway.

"It's one road in and one road out," said Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers when discussing the remoteness of the Nett Lake C Store at last month's Community Meeting. "We continue trying new things to help the store, but it isn't easy."

That is because the Nett Lake Village is 16 miles off Highway 53, which heads north to International Falls and into Canada, not to mention several other towns and popular resorts along the way.

"We're going to start marketing the C Store to local resorts and possibly adding a small casino in there," said Chavers of bringing in a limited number of machines to draw tourists into the village. "There are various opportunities for us. We're not sure exactly what to do, but we are trying to cut down that deficit at the C Store."

The store has been averaging a loss of \$25,000 a month in the past fiscal year, but since then, changes have been

made in the store's operations. That includes getting rid of items that historically have not sold very well. In its ongoing efforts to improve traffic, the store started selling Delta 9 CBD products, including infused drinks, that have been ordered through Fortune Bay's Smoke Shop.

Bois Forte band member Jeff Mattson questioned why some prices at the C Store were noticeably less than at the Y Store, where he is employed.

"Do you know why?" asked Mattson, who shops at both stores.

Chavers said she was not sure but added she could find out.

However, Bois Forte Development Corporation CEO Mayan Beltran told Mattson that the Y Store is more of a for-profit business, while the C Store is a necessity for band members living in the village.

"The C Store is more for the community, and we try to provide goods and services at a good value," said Beltran, who is also the general manager at Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

Regarding the C Store being a necessity, Chavers said she has had some conversations with Joseph Nayquonabe, who is the chair of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures. Nayquonabe is a well-known and respected leader whose skill set includes project management,

direct marketing, branding, and advertising.

"He does business development for the Mille Lacs Band and is one of our mentors for a tribal finance project we are involved with," said Chavers. "He said there are businesses you have as a necessity and others as a for-profit. He mentioned their C Store, and (like Bois Forte's) it is there for tribal members.



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Enrollment Coordinator at (218) 757-3261, ext. 1162
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not knowing what was in store for Isham's former home.

"We always visited this home when I was friends with his (Travis's) sister," said Geshick, "so I will think of his grandparents when I see people using this house. This is a nice area—it's very serene...the families that come here will be able to enjoy nature. It will be a nice addition—Miigwech to everyone who helped out."

Chavers thanked the staff for staying the course throughout this three-year process, culminating with the ribbon-cutting ceremony. She also thanked the state for the funding assistance needed to complete this project.

"Homelessness is a big issue that we deal with at Bois Forte," said Chavers. "But it's not just here or in Indian coun-

try—it's a problem throughout our country. For us to have a new shelter here in Nett Lake is a step in the right direction."

Chavers said homelessness could happen with a snap of a finger and added that it is comforting knowing that Bois Forte band members will now have a place to go should they experience homelessness.

"When someone is in crisis mode and needs assistance, we now have a place for them to come to and feel safe," said Chavers, who downplayed the role the tribal council played in getting this project done and instead gave credit to Larsen, her staff and state agents. "We will also provide some services that will hopefully get them on the path to get their own place in the future. Chi Miigwech to you all for making this possible."



LOOKING GOOD!— Members of the Bois Forte Tribal Council take a tour of the new Bravery House, which will be used as temporary housing for band members facing homelessness. Pictured left to right are: District I Representative Shane Drift, Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick, District II Representative Robert Moyer, Jr. (back to the camera) and Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers walking out of the kitchen.

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SPECIAL DAY FOR BOIS FORTE!— Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers, center, gives the opening remarks at the ribbon cutting of the Bravery House, which is a homeless shelter located off Palmquist Road in Nett Lake. Looking on to the right is District I Representative Travis Morrison.

Bear problem continues to grow in Nett Lake Village

With the bear population reaching historic numbers at the Vince Shute Sanctuary some five miles away from Nett Lake, band members are growing overly concerned that some of those same bears are getting a little too close for comfort here in the village.

Several band members spoke up at a community meeting last month to share their stories of bears coming into the village without any fear—and with another school year fast approaching, residents are concerned that a bear could attack or even kill a child walk-

ing to or from school.

There are discussions about having a hunt, but Bois Forte band members belonging to the Bear Clan worry about the ramifications of holding such a hunt, even if it is done by non-natives accompanied by a Bois Forte guide.

According to a vote taken at a Conservation Committee in 1978, non-natives are allowed to hunt on the reservation the last 21 days of October. A resolution passed by a 3-0 vote in September of 1982 by the then-active Bois Forte Reservation Business Com-

mittee.

Although the resolution has been in place for 41 years, District I Representative Shane Drift said he does not want a hunt and instead wants to look at other solutions to this problem.

“I am against it, period,” said Drift, who added that he had talks with an elder who does not want any bear season, native or non-native. “They are a part of the clan system. They are sacred to us as native people, thank you.”

Karen Drift said that out of all the

Clans Bois Forte band members associated with the Bear Clan is the most important one. She said the bear is the chief of the clans, even though the turtle is the bear’s boss. She added that bears are aggressive, and they want to make sure things are done in our Anishinaabe way.

“What ever befalls a bear befalls the people,” said Drift of a

quote she once heard. “Makwa (bear) is your brother, your sister... I am not Bear Clan, I am Caribou, but all my kids are Bear Clan. They are never to hurt a bear or eat bear meat (killed by others). You are supposed to be very respectful to the makwa...I am really against killing bears. If we hurt the bear, something will happen, and we better believe that... we are going to pay now or later, Miigwech.”

Bois Forte Conservation Officer

Tony Mason said he gets many calls about problem bears daily. He said the number of bears at the Vince Shute Sanctuary, which opened in 1993, is out of control. Mason said there are supposed to be 3-5 bears in the 115 square miles of the Nett Lake Village, but the Sanctuary has 300 alone.

“That number far exceeds what it is supposed to be,” said Mason. “These bears are encroaching on our homes and our lives... I’ve been here almost two and a half years, and I’ve had to live

trap 29 bears, and I’ve also had to dispatch (kill) bears due to unfortunate circumstances. I am here to uphold the law for Bois Forte, but I would like to help and give my insights as a conservation law enforcement officer in what we see on the reservation.”

And those insights included Mason giving an update on how few deer were taken by Bois Forte hunters last year. He reported that less than 30 were taken and added that a larger

family, like the Ishams in Nett Lake, would have taken that for themselves in a good year.

“It has to be acknowledged,” said Mason of how the bear is also taking away sustenance for band members. “Not everyone has a \$ 100,000-a-year job. Heck, many don’t even have a \$50,000 a year job.”

Meaning band members need to hunt to put meat in their freezers to

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offset food costs that have been out of control since the pandemic began in 2020.

Doris Isham agreed.

“There are just too many bears,” said Isham, who added that as the crow flies, the Vince Shute Sanctuary is one mile away from the Nett Lake reservation.

“As a result, they are killing our deer. If you look at last year, a lot of people haven’t gotten a deer. My freezer is empty.”

She added that bears are encroaching on the village, and she knows of some elders who are scared to go outside because there are bears right under their windows.

“I had \$2,500 damage to my car,” said Isham about a problem bear in her yard. “I can’t leave my BBQ on my deck; I have to put it in the garage.”

Isham said she understood the ramifications of natives killing a bear, as did Mason during his informative presentation, but she also worried about a bear mauling or killing a child.

“They are no longer scared of us the way they used to be, and that puts us in danger,” said Isham. “Just last week, my dog, who was leashed, was barking, and going crazy about a bear in our yard. It was ready to take on that big bear, which was not more than 12 feet from my porch—that’s how close they get.”

Those comments led to another band member saying when dogs were allowed to roam freely in the village, they didn’t have as many problems with bears coming into the village.

“When we allowed that, there were no bears and no deer (causing prob-

lems),” said Ronald “Inky” Boshey. “I think we should unleash our dogs. Let them have fun out there like we used to. They would chase these animals, and they’d eventually leave. It’s that simple; look at the big picture. When we started leashing up our dogs, that’s when this started happening.”

Several other band members lent

interesting perspectives to this issue that won’t be resolved any time soon. Their comments can be heard by going to Bois Forte’s YouTube channel.

“We should have a separate meeting to discuss this,” said Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick. “We don’t need

a study. We know we have problems with bears, and the council knows I feel very passionate about this subject as our former DNR Director. The Sanctuary needs to be held accountable, and so does the State of Minnesota.”

Chavers said that Geshick’s additional concerns have been forwarded to Bois Forte’s Lobbyist, Reid LeBeau, who will have them discussed at the next legislative session.

In the meantime, DNR Director Chris Holm said he encourages input from band members on what they feel should be done to get this problem under control.

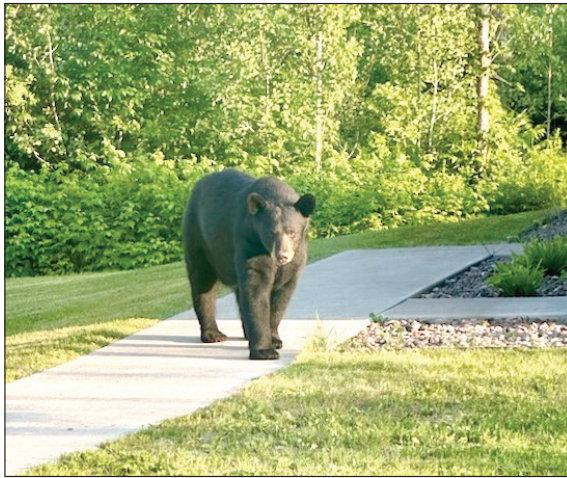
“We’d like to collect your opinion and ideas,” said Holm, who has been in touch with the state DNR to get their input as well. “There are a lot of bears, and their numbers have increased substantially. They are in the village, and they do pose safety issues, and we are concerned about that.”

Please email Holm at [\[forte-nsn.gov\]\(mailto:forte-nsn.gov\) or Mason at \[tmason@boisforte-nsn.gov\]\(mailto:tmason@boisforte-nsn.gov\) with your ideas and suggestions on how Bois Forte should handle this issue.](mailto:cholm@bois-</p>
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The next Conservation Committee meeting will be in the Eagle room at the Bois Forte Government Offices on August 21 starting at 5 p.m.

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS

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NO FEAR— Bears are becoming more comfortable coming into residential areas as evidenced by this photo.

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Community meeting promotes healthy discussion

The Bois Forte Tribal Council always prides itself on being transparent to band members, and that certainly was the case at a community meeting that covered a broad range of subject matters.

Some of the subjects included productive discussions on the Eveleth C-Store that the council shelved a couple months ago; possible plans for a marijuana growth dispensary, home/construction loans, needs for a drug

and alcohol treatment center, and a lengthy talk about the bear problems being caused by an overpopulated Vince Shute Bear Sanctuary (See related story on page 5). Please go to Bois Forte's YouTube channel to view the entire meeting.

Before the July 12th meeting, Bois Forte officials asked the public to send in questions ahead of time so the council could prepare for the ensuing discussion that lasted more than three hours in The Woodlands Ballroom.

"It was a good meeting with a lot of input from our band members, and that is what we need," said Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers after the meeting, which took place at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. "We want to hear from them before we make certain decisions. They bring a lot of wisdom to the table, which is why we will make a concerted effort to hold more of these meetings."

An estimated 125 band members attended the meeting, which began with a dinner of fried chicken, beef sirloin tips, Nett Lake Wild Rice, salad, and dinner rolls. Spiritual Advisor Vern Adams opened the meeting with the Invocation, which he does in Ojibwe and then translates into English.

Eveleth C-Store falls through

Roughly 20 minutes were spent talking about the Eveleth C-Store project, which the council declined to pursue earlier this year after Eveleth officials changed critical language, meaning the land would never have been placed into the trust. Chavers said Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick summed it up perfectly when she said it reminded her of broken treaties.

Fortune Bay Smoke Shop

Bois Forte CEO Mayan Beltran then talked about the Smoke Shop that opened in early June on the main floor at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Beltran said the shop is still not 100% operational, as staffing has been an issue. However, he noted that the hours of operation recently went from two to four days a week as more employees have recently come on board.

"The increase in business has

skyrocketed," reported Beltran of the Smoke Shop, which sells edibles designed to provide a better quality of life for people struggling with arthritis, anxiety, and other day-to-day problems, plus tobacco and vape products. "We have not really advertised as we are still in the soft opening phases, but it's rising in business, and it will keep doing that."

Beltran added that Bois Forte is now selling Delta 9 and other CBD products at the Ledge Liquor Store and expects sales to be strong there as the hours of operations are much greater than what the Smoke Shop at Fortune Bay currently offers.

Marijuana Growth Dispensary

This conversation transitioned into Bois Forte entertaining the idea of getting into the marijuana growth dispensary business to capitalize on the lucrative recreational marijuana business. District II Representative Shane Drift said Bois Forte needs to do something along these lines to generate more revenue for the tribe.

"I keep saying this, but we need more businesses to generate revenue for our tribe. Our casino is still doing good, but not as good as it did in the past," said Drift, who has always encouraged band members to view his Facebook page for updates on what he is working on. "We need to do something, people—we need to get more businesses."

Beltran was asked by the council to send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a feasibility study on this venture. Chavers noted that it was not a guarantee the tribe would move forth with this type of business, and instead, a survey would be sent out with pertinent details on what this business would look like.

"We'll be asking your input to see if this is something you want us to do," said Chavers, who added the RFPs were due in late July. "Is this a business you want us to do? But we need to do our due diligence on our part to have that feasibility study done (before we send out the survey)."

After Drift made his comments, attendee Amber Boshey said she would

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PRODUCTIVE MEETING— Roughly 125 Bois Forte Band members showed up for a community meeting to discuss a wide array of subjects. Given the success of the meeting, more will be planned as the Bois Forte Tribal Council and RTG seeks input from band members on issues facing the tribe.



READY TO ENJOY A GREAT MEAL!— The Bois Forte Community Meeting began with a nice dinner buffet, which was prepared for by Executive Chef Kirstie Kern and her culinary crew. The meal drew rave reviews from those who came out for the meeting.

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be against this type of business venture. Instead, she said, Bois Forte needs to invest more funding into helping band members recover from drug or alcohol abuse.

“There are other ways to profit off our land besides putting more drugs into our community,” said Boshey, who has battled back from addiction to turn her life around.

Boshey took to the podium several times during the meeting to talk about other issues like homelessness, having band members respect living in subsidized housing like New Moon, and perhaps building a treatment center to help band members escape the evils of drug or alcohol abuse.

“This is not a done deal until the tribal membership decides,” said Chavers to Boshey. “Once we get all the information, it’s up to the band members to decide if we move ahead, so thank you for your comments, and congratulations on your sobriety.”

Concern about illegal drug usage on the reservation

With the concern of illegal drugs being prevalent on the reservations, Chavers urged band members to get involved. She said that means calling the BIA if they see something suspicious.

“They need evidence; they can’t just go (to a home) because Cathy said she saw something,” said Chavers of band members needing to help with the battle of combatting illegal drug use. “The BIA has to see something in order to do something.”

She added that if a band member sees suspicious people on the reservation or someone driving around with license plates, they don’t recognize to report that.

“As a community, we need to do that,” emphasized Chavers.

However, Chavers said she realized getting involved is something only some feel comfortable doing and added that discussions might be forthcoming with other agencies to get their input.

“There are things we are trying to do,” said Chavers. “Maybe we need a community task force, but we for sure need community input on this.”

Given the seriousness of illegal drug use, Chavers reported that Bois Forte

would be the first tribe in Minnesota to have been awarded vending machines from John Hopkins University. These vending machines will provide free products such as Narcan that can help with a fentanyl overdose. There will also be fentanyl testing strips for those who are using and want to ensure the drugs they use are not laced with the deadly opioid.

“One will be located at the C Store in Nett Lake, and the other ones will be at Fortune Bay,” said Chavers of the vending machines, which could be delivered by the middle of this month. “There will be a wide variety of items in the vending machines, such as COVID and pregnancy testing too.”

This subject matter led to more band members weighing in on the need for a treatment center or, at the very least, ramped up efforts to bring in more drug counselors. Geshick said band members must get involved and follow a path that will help those struggling with addiction. She shared the story of her cousin, who unfortunately passed away before she could pursue a degree that would have enabled her to lend assistance to those struggling with addiction.

While getting a degree is important, Ron Boshey surmised that Bois Forte band members who have gone through addiction and are now clean are the ones who need to be given a chance to turn their lives around with those currently struggling with addiction. He said that real-life experiences are what matters and added that just taking classes to become certified is not the same.

“They don’t understand what this guy or that guy is going through,” said Boshey. “We need to open our hearts, our minds. We need to hire someone who has been there, done that, suffered that, and been through that. Those are the people we need to hire to be counselors.”

Chavers said the concept of bringing a treatment facility or recovery house to the reservation or to Johnson Lake, as band member Tracey Dagen mentioned, would be a good idea. However, as is the case with the RTG employment opportunities, finding staff could be a hindrance.

“We can provide services, but without staffing, it won’t work,” said Chavers.

Sex Offender discussion

Once that discussion concluded, the meeting transitioned to band members who had questions about sex offenders moving to the reservation. They were told community meetings regarding this subject matter had to be shelved due to the pandemic, but

they will resurface again in the coming months.

“How does the community feel about a sex offender moving into their community? What do you want to see with that?” asked Chavers.

It was reiterated that sex offenders moving to the reservation have to notify the Bois Forte Compliance Officer. Please see the flyer on page 9 for more
See Community Meeting page 12



HEALTHY DISCUSSION— Bois Forte Tribal Chair Cathy Chavers responds to a question during the community meeting that was held in The Woodlands Ballroom this past month. Also pictured from the left are District I Representative Shane Drift, who was receiving messages from viewers asking questions posed online; District II Representative Robert Moyer, Jr., and Secretary-Treasurer Tara Geshick.



GOOD TO SEE YOU!— Bois Forte band member Bill Tibbetts, left, smiles and extends a handshake to Chaz Wagner, right, prior to the start of the community meeting.

Editor's notes: The minutes from Bois Forte RTC meetings will now appear in the Bois Forte News every month. They will also be posted on the Bois Forte website (www.boisforte.com), thank you.

Minutes of a special meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 19, 2023, at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.
Invocation done by Vernon Adams.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Travis Morrison, Shane Drift, Robert Moyer Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Kim Greiner, Randy Long, Vondalee Carr, Doris Isham, Ed Chavers, Will Mantye, Linda Tibbetts-Barto, Pete Drift, SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the agenda with the additions of Christine Bloom with the Head Start Grant & COLA and Kim Greiner with the 401K amendments. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the Regular session meeting minutes from March 15, 2023, RTC Special Meeting. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a) Approved Resolution No. 86-2023 approving SRF Consulting Group Contract. 4-0-0

b) Approved amendment no 1 for Grant contract no 219356. 4-0-0

c) Approved laptop use guidelines & consent form for 477 program. 4-0-0

d) Approved annual arrowhead behavioral health initiative contract. 4-0-0

e) Approved ltr to Vanessa Adkins to change program director for ANA grant program. 4-0-0

f) Approved contract for PlayPower It Farmington, inc for Headstart Playground equipment. 4-0-0

g) Approved quote approval for Northland Recreation for \$6,797.00 for Headstart playground equip. 4-0-0

h) Resolution No. 90-2023-approving FY 2023 SMART grant application. 4-0-0

i) Approved ltr to contractor & architect for construction of Govt bldg. meeting. 4-0-0

j) Approved 477 program to offer RREAL training to band members June 2023. 4-0-0

k) Approved amendment to asset purchase agreement for WELY. 4-0-0. Carried 4-0-0

William Mantyh gives an update on the preliminary results of the Alzheimer's disease blood test project.

Moved by Shane Drift, seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to use Bois Forte name in the published articles by this project. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approved the Sah Gii Bah Gah raffle & 50/50 button sale. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 94-2023, Contract-Service order DSGW for the Cultural Center. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve Resolution No. 95-2023, change lease status request from recreational to residential for Anna Wirta Kosobuski. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 96-2023, issuing a residential lease to Jennifer Sundahl. Carried 4-0-0

Tribal council approved the extension of the draft leasing policy public comment period to 30 days after the meeting with Vermilion Elders.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the use of WEX Fuel cards with Public Works & Transit first before moving on to other departments for approximately 60 days. Report will be done after these 60 days. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 99-2023, approving the amendments to the 401K plan. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Ambulance Policy/Guidelines effective 05/30/2023 which will include pay rate changes. Carried 4-0-0

Payton Counts gives an update on the all staff meeting that she is planning on May 8, 2023 Wisdom of Trauma.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Wisdom of Trauma event for all staff meeting to be coordinated with Payton Counts and Simona Benner. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve submission of the CSGB & MCAG grants. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agreement with RiteTrack for software program for the 477 program. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the agreement with Andrew Jones to remove the Covid Canopies that are located at the Health Services buildings. Carried 4-0-0

Pam Parson gives the monthly compliance update.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 97-2023, Carbon Credit Project - Verra Protocol. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 98-2023, MOU Bois Forte, Grant Portage & Fond Du Lac Bands and the US Forest Service. Once Signed make available to band members to read. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve submission of the CSGB & MCAG grants. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the Office of Headstart 5.6% COLA increase in the amount of \$83,543.00. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the MN State Head start grant application in the amount of \$67,232.00. Carried 4-0-0

There was some discussion on the garnishment of per capita payments. This was

suspended due to COVID and now that the pandemic is ending need to look at reinstating this by next year.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve donation request in the amount of \$500 to the Northwoods Archery program. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table the donation request to the Virginia Community Foundation for more detail. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve donation request in the amount of \$500 to the Joanne Chosa for son Florenso to attend school trip to Peru. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve donation request in the amount of \$500 for Brynn Chosa to attend the North American Indigenous Games 2023, July 15-23, 2023. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve donation request in the amount of \$500 to Little Earth for their Mother's Day Powwow in Cedar Field Park on May 13th & 14th, 2023. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve donation request in the amount of \$500 for Kalvyn Benner to participate in AAU Basketball team Playmakers. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m. Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting;

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 3, 2023, at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.
Invocation done by Vernon Adams, Sr.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Travis Morrison, Shane Drift, Robert Moyer Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Carol Burr, Jaylen Strong, Tracey Dagen, Victoria Villebrun, Sarah Guy-Levar, Ed Chaverd, Randy Long, Doris Isham, Perry Drift, Vanessa Little, Angela Wright. See attached list for virtual attendance.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda with the following additions, Miranda-ICP Policy and Tracey Dagen, Lake Vermilion Pow Wow and discussion on burnt houses. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the meeting minutes from Special RTC meeting held April 19, 2023. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

A. Approved Resolution No. 101-2023, MB Customs OEO Shelter. 4-0-0

B. Approved Service Line Agreement

Bois Forte Tribal Government
5344 Lakeshore Drive
Nett Lake, MN 55772
(218) 757-3261. Ext. 1162

Bois Forte Tribal Enrollment will be available at the Mpls. Urban Office Picnic to issue Bois Forte Tribal Identification Cards on Sunday, August 20th, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
PLEASE BRING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO RECEIVE A TRIBAL ID:

- **Original Certified Birth Certificate (no photocopies)**
- **State Issued Driver's License**
- **State Issued Identification Card**
- **Valid Passport**

For replacement Tribal ID cards or for any changes made before the expiration date, there will be a \$12.00 fee (cash or check) (Please have correct change)

Any questions, please contact Kathie Holman, Tribal Enrollment Coordinator at (218) 757-3261, ext. 1162 or kathie.holman@boisforte-nsn.gov

MINNEAPOLIS URBAN
OFFICE PICNIC HELD AT
MINNEHAHA FALLS-PARK
4801 S MINNEHAHA DR
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
AUGUST 20TH, 2023
4:00 pm-8:00 pm



w/LCP for OEO Shelter 4-0-0. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 102-2023, submission of the Dept of Energy-Preventing outages and enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grant. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 103-2023, Renew Business lease for Nett Lake Baptist Church. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Independent Services Contract with Joshua Abelson dba A1 Pro Coating and Drywall. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 104-2023, Storage Facility Assessment Project Team (ARPA). Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 105-2023, Tribal Government Subsidy Program assessment project team (ARPA). Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Modification to SRF contract (ARPA). Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve Red Sunset Land Development LLC contract/agreement for Hwy 53 Billboard. Carried 4-0-0

Sarah Guy-Levar & Jaylen Strong give an update on the Soudan Mine exhibits in museum to include and expand Bois Forte and Native People's history. Power point attached.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Tribal First as new insurance company. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve Resolution No. 106-2023 and Letter for BIA 105(I) lease application package. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 107-2023 and Letter for IHS 105(I) lease application package. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve CLA (CliftonLarson-Allen LLP's) as the firm to assist in Bois Forte's software selection process. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve Tribal First as insurance company for Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table Social Media Policy until after meeting with Council, Executive Director, IT Director, HR Director and Tribal Attorney. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the ICP (Indian Child Protection) Policy, effective May 15, 2023. Carried 4-0-0

Discussion on burned houses within the reservation with the Pow Wow coming up.

Payton Counts' program and Heritage Center have funds to help contribute for cleanup. Kim states there are people working on getting funds to help with this and also suggests doing an RFP for the one located by the store to get done right away.

Doris Isham makes a comment about the background checks.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the Raffles, button, pick your own and 50/50 for Lake Vermilion Pow wow. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: June 12, 2023

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 5, 2023, at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Invocation done by Vernon Adams, Sr.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Travis Morrison, Robert Moyer Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Luke Warnsholz, Edward Chavers, Tracey Dagen, Doris Isham, Carol Burr, David Morrison Jr., Vanessa Little, Kim Greiner. See attached list for virtual attendance.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer; to approve the agenda with the addition of Tracey Dagen to add Luke Warnsholz as an authorized representative for the Energy Assistance Program. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the meeting minutes from Special RTC meeting held June 12, 2023. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

A. Approved ARPA Funds for Phase II of the OEO Project \$182,926.32. Carried 4-0-0

B. Approved submission of the 2023 SFIA Certification. Carried 4-0-0

C. Approved FCC Compliance Report. Carried 4-0-0

D. Approved ltr to BIA re: detention of non-Indian under VAWA jurisdiction. Carried 3-0-0

E. Approved RFP for Cannabis enterprise feasibility study & consultant services. Carried 3-0-0

F. Approved 223-2024 Duluth Urban Office Lease. Carried 3-0-0

G. Approved Cyber security insurance bid to Travelers. Carried 3-0-0

H. Approved Verm. Head Start Staining project contract to Joshua Abelson. Carried 3-0-0

I. Approved Resolution No. 114-2023-State Tax Exemption for HEMP Edibles. Carried 4-0-0

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve Independent Services Contract for David Farmer for Hideaway Pines Flooring project. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr; to approve the MOU with Midwest monitoring and Surveillance for probation drug testing and able monitor services. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the HAF (Homeowners Assistance Fund) Policy Changes. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Off-Site Network replication to Integris. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer; to approve the amended lease agreement with ISD 707 for the Bois Forte Nett Lake Clinic. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Amendment No. 10 for Grant Contract No. 125384 MH Block Grant. Carried 4-0-0

Discussion with Arlando Chiles on how to get youth involved with hunting and trapping. He was directed to reach out to some other individuals to further this request.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Additional Food Bank Agreement with Northern Lakes Food Bank in Duluth. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Tribal Public Health Infrastructure & capacity data sharing MOU with a resolution in place. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Applicant Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Grant submission MCH Block Grant. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 112-2023, 2023 Wilder Homeless Survey. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Regular RTC Meeting: July 5, 2023

BOIS FORTE COMMUNITY NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS

All convicted sex offenders within the boundaries of the Bois Forte Band who:

- Resides
- Attends school
- Is employed
- OR
- Visits anyone on the reservation boundaries for 24 hours

MUST register with the Bois Forte Compliance Officer as a sex offender on Bois Forte Tribal Land.

If you fail to register with the Bois Forte Tribal Court Sex Offender Registry Office, provide false or misleading registration information, fail to update and/or appear for their registration, violates the school and playground zones of restriction or any laws shall be considered an offense under the Bois Forte Band Sex Offender and Registration Notification Act (SORNA) Code and will be subject to punishment.

TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER

-OR-

TO REPORT A SEX OFFENDER FOR FAILING TO REGISTER OR QUESTIONS ON SORNA

CONTACT:

Bois Forte Tribal Court SORNA Compliance Officer

Phone: 218-757-3462

12907 Palmquist Road Suite B

Orr, MN 55771

TO REPORT ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY ANY SEX OFFENDER, PLEASE CALL 911

Scan the code to sign up for Community Notification Alerts!



Community Members can look up convicted sex offenders within the Bois Forte Community located online by using their cell phone camera to scan this QR link to get access to the National Sex Offender Website for Bois Forte. Or you can visit <http://boisforte.nsopw.gov>

Through this website, community members can also sign up to receive email notifications of any sex offenders who relocate back to the Bois Forte Community.

2023 1854 CEDED TERRITORY MOOSE HUNT

Applications for the 2023 1854 Ceded Territory Moose Hunt are due Friday, August 11. No late applications will be accepted!

50 permits will be distributed total, (25 Bois Forte, 25 Grand Portage).

Moose season opens September 15th and runs through December 31st, 2023, or until a harvest limit of 15 moose is reached for each band, whichever is sooner.

Go to the 1854 Treaty Authority website for more details (www.1854treatyauthority.org)

MINO-BIMAADIZIWIN Good Life Wellness Fair

FRIDAY
August 25, 2023
9 AM - 3 PM

Fortune Bay Casino
1430 Bois Forte Road
Tower, MN 55790



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN & SHARING!

Jump start your own journey to better health and learn how you can make simple lifestyle changes and develop healthy habits for life.

This event is FREE! Many community resources and partners will be available to share information and answer your questions.

- > Health and Wellness Workshops
- > Lunch Provided for 250 Attendees
- > First Aid Kits for the First 200 Attendees
- > Door Prizes Raffle Throughout the Event

Presented by the Breast Cancer Education Association and Bois Forte Health & Human Services.

Sponsorship made possible through a grant from the Randy Shaver Cancer Research & Community Fund.

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CANCER RESEARCH & COMMUNITY FUND

Fiber to Home project update

Submitted by **Randy Long**
Director of Information Technology

The fiber to the home project is progressing very well; all electronic nodes that deliver high-speed internet now have power allowing us to complete the internal home termination needed for Nett Lake, Indian Point, and Palmquist.

Trenching and boring continue throughout the Vermilion area. Once that is completed, the electrical nodes will be supplied with power, followed by internal home termination. We hope to have a sign-up day for the residents of Nett Lake, Palmquist, and Indian Point by the middle of August. The date will be posted throughout social media and the Bois Forte website

(www.boisforte.com).

During this sign-up time, we will inform homeowners about the federal Lifeline and Linkup programs that can subsidize broadband and telephone service for qualifying residents. For those unable to attend, we will post information online on how to get signed up and who to call.

We expect Nett Lake, Palmquist, and Indian Point services to be live by mid-September and Vermilion to be completed by October 31st. Prior to the completion date, we will establish a time whereby residents can come to the Vermilion Government offices to get signed up or obtain help with the federal subsidy programs.



PROGRESS!— Workers from Lake States Construction were busy with installs on Whiskey Point Road this past month. If all goes well, Vermilion residents will have high speed internet accessible to them by October 31st. Meanwhile, Nett Lake should have service by mid-September.

News for Bois Forte Elders

By Millie Holmes

We're now in the final month before summer turns into fall. We'll have one last Hurrah for Summer 2023.

T'is been a year of changes for us all...the Covid pandemic emergency was officially ended May 5, 2023. We've had a few cookouts over the summer. The weekend before Labor Day will be the final cook-out for the season. We plan on having a horse-shoe game or two along with the brats and hamburgers, potato salad and

beans. Mayhap a corn on the cob as well as a dessert...mmm looking forward to that.

We hired Ray Thompson as Activity Coordinator/Family Caregiver for the Nett Lake area. Hoping to have weekly get-togethers down to the Center. We will have the TV set up for those who'd like to watch a movie or two during the afternoon or early evening. Not sure about snacks at this time.

I hope for good news regarding

the Elder Activity Committee.

All in all, it's time to look forward to Ricing, Halloween, Christmas, and New Year's. Which brings to mind the Elder Wood Program. Deliveries should be happening 'bout now. And then it's time to start the application process for the 2024 Wood program. Ray will be contacting the recipients

from their 2023 Wood Program application. Chi Miigwech for all who turned in their application.

One last item is the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP); if you are interested, contact Millie at 218.757.3790. We need one for Vermilion and one or two for Nett Lake.



For more information,
call 218-757-3790.

Here is the Elder Nutrition Program's (ENP) menu for the month of August. Services offered include nutritious meals served daily, Monday through Friday at the Nett Lake and Vermilion Community Centers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with home-delivered meals available to Elders who are unable to get to the ENP sites.

August 1: White Chicken Chili (Beef), Cornbread, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 2: Roast Port, Baby Baker's Potatoes, Roasted Butternut Squash, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 3: (Beef) Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Tossed Garden Salad, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 4: Bison Meatloaf, Baked Sweet Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 7: Sausage Jambalaya, Garlic Cheese Biscuit, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 8: BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 9: Beef Barley Vegetable Soup, Chef Salad, Wheat Roll, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 10: Country Ham, Baked Acorn Squash, Cauliflower, Berry Yogurt Parfait

August 11: Meatballs Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 14: Burrito Bowl, Beans, Salsa, Cheese, Sour Cream, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 15: (Walleye/Fish) Chowder, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Crackers, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 16: Chef Salad, Garlic Breadstick, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 17: Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Capri Vegetable, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 18: Bison Stew (Chili), Multigrain Bun, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 21: Hamburger Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 22: Chicken Penne Alfredo, Broccoli Florets, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit (Chicken Penne Sala)

August 23: Wild Rice Meatballs/Gravy, Sweet Potato Fries, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 24: Au Gratin Potatoes, Country Ham, Wheat Roll, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 25: Pork Loin, Garden Blend Rice, TWC Diced Beets, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 28: Teriyaki Grilled Chicken, Brown Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit

August 29: Roast Turkey Slice, Poultry Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, French Cut Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie

August 30: Rigatoni Hot Dish, Tossed Garden Salad, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit (Cabbage Roll Hotdish)

August 31: Grilled Chicken Breast, Spanish Rice, Sliced Zucchini, Chef's Choice Asst'd Fruit



Minute with Millie

I sit here looking at my jingle dresses hanging on the doors. A bandolier bag gifted to me by my niece hangs with one of them. A belt my mother made is inside the bag. A belt my niece made hangs with the other. I have leggings that are plain black, one set is velvet, one satin.

Moccasins have to be finished by mid-winter. I have another dress that is in the design stages.

These dresses mean a lot to me. The gifts I received are precious and items I made or purchased are inside the case I use to carry them.

I hang these items out where I can see them because of the strength, purpose, and direction I received when I was given them. The memories I have from the wearing of these items, the places and ceremonies I danced in and the sounds of the drums ring through my memories.

I gain strength and confidence to venture outside my door on days when I'd much rather be home in bed. I hear the occasional jingle when the wind from the fan blows directly on them. The sound fills my heart with gratitude for the life I have been given. My heart hears and beats gently in time to a song



that sounds in my mind.

I have fabrics sitting on shelves or hanging in closets all waiting their turn to be fashioned into a gift for one or another of my family. Items made with love, hope and dreams.

There is so much more to our powwows, ceremonies, and gatherings than just the feasting, the visiting, and the honoring of this person, that person. It is the continuation of our life, our customs and our traditions that is symbolized in in the jingle dresses and other items I have on display.

And that is why I hang the dresses out so they and I can speak to each other of all these things.

information on registering as a sex offender or to report a sex offender for failing to register.

Section 184 Home/Construction Loans

CFO Kim Greiner briefly discussed how band members could get a loan for home/

construction projects. While there are some options, Greiner said because the land band members occupy is leased, it is tough to get a loan. She said the two options she is aware of are loans through the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Housing

Corporation and Woodlands Bank, which the Mille Lacs Band owns.

“I know they are kind of stringent,” said Greiner of the bank’s loan program for on-reservation or off-reservation loans. “Even if you have one

late payment in the past year, you are not qualified.”

Band member Corrina Lyons, who attended the meeting remotely, agreed with Greiner and said that missing one payment in two years disqualifies a person from getting a Section 184 loan.

“I’m struggling trying to use Woodlands or MCT for a loan with my situation,” said Lyons. “I don’t qualify because their rules are very, very strict. Another option is First Tribal Lenders. They are a little easier to go through. If anyone has questions, I can help them.”

Closing comments

District I Rep. Travis Morrison said it was great to see so many people in attendance at the meeting and that he looked forward to more community

events in the future.

“It has been a long time since we’ve got together like this,” said Morrison.

Drift, the other District I Rep., was also glad to see so many band members show up in person or those who joined the meeting via Teams.

“It’s important to hear from our band members because any decision that the council makes affects them and our future,” said Drift, who added he would like to hear from our band members on how the council can improve future community meetings. “The council needs to work on gaining the band members’ trust and reestablish a connection with the band members.”



Bois Forte Housing Department’s Homeowners Assistance Fund Phase 2

Are you behind on your Home Mortgage, HOA fees, Property Taxes, and/or utility payments from 01/21/20?

You must be enrolled at Bois Forte or an adult with at least one minor BF band member enrolled who lives in your household?

Are your outstanding housing related expense is due unemployment, illness, or another issue experienced after January 21, 2020, DUE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO COVID-19

Eligible Expenses Categories that the HAF program (Homeowners Assistance Fund) can assist with are:

- ~Mortgage payment assistance: ~Mortgage principal reduction: *now open* ~Payment assistance with utilities in arrears: ~Payment assistance for Insurance: *now open* ~Payment assistance with delinquent property taxes: ~Assistance to reinstate mortgage: *now open* ~Assistance to help reduce interest rate: *now open* ~Payment assistance with HOA fees, liens, fees: ~Prevention of displacement (repairs) *now open*

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF YOUR HOME only (1) IS REQUIRED: types of proof include: Current property tax statement (PREFERRED), Recorded Warranty deed, Recorded contract for deed, Certificate of title (manufactured homes), Tribal land lease **MUST BE YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE**

PROOF OF INCOME REQUIRED FOR ALL INCOME SOURCES: Your household (FAMILY) must be at or below 150% of your median area income. Your adjusted gross income, as reported on your 2022 Federal Income Tax Form 1040 series. Or your current income using your most recent pay information, Pay statements your most recent 6 consecutive pay periods for all adults, Eligibility letters by government programs such as Social Security, Bank statements showing deposit amounts, other pay documents.

FUNDS WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE VENDOR OR UTILITY COMPANY: the fund will not distribute more than \$7,500 total between all of the above program categories per primary resident. Homeowners may be eligible to receive assistance from other state programs in conjunction with this program but not duplicate the program category during the same month of assistance received.

A SUBMITTED APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ASSISTANCE APPROVAL

Actual award assistance will depend on eligibility and available funding. Please be aware that other documentation may be required i.e., such as demonstrating a financial hardship after 01/21/20, utility bills in the Applicant’s, Spouse’s or Co-owner’s name with Account numbers, etc...

THE BIGGEST CHANGE IS THE ADDITION OF THE HOME REPAIR PORTION OF THIS PROGRAM: *This program will provide funds for home repairs which are needed to maintain the habitability of a home in order to prevent homeowner displacement. Qualifying home repairs include the following: repairing or replacing a furnace, hot water heater, roof, septic system or well; or mold mitigation services. Other home repairs may qualify if they are reasonably needed to ensure either the safety or habitability of the applicant’s home in order to prevent homeowner displacement. The applicant must provide a sufficient basis for BFHD to determine if a home repair reasonably qualifies for HAF assistance. Decisions on whether a requested home repair qualifies under this Program shall be made by BFHD in its sole discretion and all decisions shall be final. If an applicant meets all eligibility requirements and provides a qualifying estimate for services from a licensed contractor, BFHD will disburse the funds to the vendor identified in the documentation submitted by the applicant to justify the needed repair or replacement.*

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- Birth Certificate
- TANF/MFIP Numbers
- Food Stamps/ Comnod Numbers
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- Child Up-to-Date Immunizations
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