

Gene Goodsky did the invocation from his house.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 7, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robbie Goggleye; Vicki Villebrun; Eddie Chavers; Kim Greiner; Barb Brodeen;  
Dani Pieratos; Pam Hughes; Shannon Walz; Angela Wright; Simona Benner;  
Damon Day; Melissa Wright; Travis Vake; Pam Parson

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agenda with the addition of Pam Hughes with a resolution for the Wilder Survey, the addition of Kim Greiner with a voluntary compliance agreement with HUD, the addition of Robbie Goggleye with a space lease for the Duluth Urban Office. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held March 17, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes, Shane Drift wanted to let the Band members know that in regard to the Health reserve fund, the council did meet and did a draft of the parameters on what the Health reserve fund can be used for and the draft has been sent to the tribal attorneys. And in regard to the sources of money coming in, if more CARES Act checks are given to the Band members, money has to be set aside and the council needs to strategically plan for 2022. Chairwoman Chavers said to strategically plan for the next three years. With the American Rescue Plan the starting date is 2021 and the ending date for most of the funding is 2024. Chairwoman Chavers said the BIA consulted with the tribes about the BIA funding and the formula the tribes would like to see implemented with that funding.

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New tribal government employees: Pam Hughes introduces Rachael Isham who is the new Substance Use Prevention Specialist; Travis Vake introduces four new Youth Development Professionals - Melissa Goodsky, Ashtyn Villebrun, Dillon Goodsky, and David Jourdain; Jennie Rowland introduces William Bigbear who is a new Big Woods Transit Bus Driver.

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

- 1) Approved the Bois Forte Code for Non-Commercial Netting of Fish in the Waters Adjacent to the Vermilion Reservation and the expanded netting zone
- 2) Adopted Resolution No. 78-2021, COVID-19 Transportation Assistance Program, Guidelines, and Application for the Duluth Urban Office
- 3) Approved the community member licenses for Laser Fiche in the amount of \$5,000 for 2,500 community members. This is for the online application for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- 4) Approved the contract for DocuSign with a limited waiver of sovereign immunity
- 5) Approved the contract with Pitney Bowes with #2, addendum for a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, this is for the postage meter, paper folder/envelope stuffer, machine to put addresses on labels/envelopes
- 6) Approved the request from Robbie Goggeye to sole source from UHL in the amount of \$18,549.32 for fixing the boiler when it went down last heating season
- 7) Approved the Re-opening fitness centers Phase III Plan
- 8) Approved the request from Dave Anderson to sole source the agreement with Advanced Minnesota in the amount of \$91,000.00 to provide Sheet Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) certification training. The training will be held May 17-June 25, 2021 and held at Mesabi Range College in Eveleth, MN.

Carried 4-0-0.

Peter Boney said in regard to the netting code, to expand the netting zone some more because there are more netters this year. Chairwoman Chavers said the council would need to discuss this with the conservation committee.

A lottery drawing is held for the Cedar Grove Lots at Vermilion – Block 1-Lots 1-9, Block 2-Lots 3, 4, 6, 7. Chairwoman Chavers and Peter Boney assist Barb Brodeen with the drawing. The individuals and lot numbers are as follows:

Elmer Boshey: 1472  
Ronald Boshey: 1440  
Chelsea Mason: 1468  
Felicia Mason: 1450  
Charles Grolla: 1464  
Adrienne Whiteman: 1432  
Jennifer Sundahl: 1424

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Marissa Rose: 1460  
Allison Strong: 1454  
Brady Boutto: 1456  
Larry Connor: 1436  
Vanessa Little: 1428  
Muriel Deegan: 1466.  
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve a letter of support as requested by Dani Pieratos, Food Access Coordinator for the AEOA Rutabaga Project for Nett Lake and Vermilion be included as teaching sites for the Community Food Systems Project. The project would allow an Essentia Community Health Educator to assist in facilitating Indigenous foods instruction. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bois Forte Food Sovereignty & Sustainable Agriculture Community Advocacy Group and the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Government, for the purpose of sustainable food production and other agricultural activities for the Nett Lake and Vermilion tribal citizens and community residents. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the Land Access Alliance – Tribal Government Consultation. The Alliance is seeking partnership with Tribal Governments and Leaders of the 1854 Ceded Territory in NE MN to determine if the Alliance can assist in asserting hunting, fishing, and gathering rights by providing access to private lands in the region for Tribal Citizens. Chairwoman Chavers said this item should be put on the 1854 Treaty Authority meeting agenda. Chairwoman Chavers said she will ask Sonny Meyers to set up a meeting between Bois Forte, Grand Portage, and Fond du Lac so everyone is present.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the St. Louis County contract for the Family Base program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the revision to the Section 901 Personal Conduct of the Personnel Policy, Section 901.7 – 901.19 was added to 901 WORK RULES with language from the Code of Ethics and 902.20 Violation of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians Code of Ethics was removed, effective April 7, 2021. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the Bois Forte Facilities Use Form rules for the use of the government buildings at Nett Lake and Vermilion, effective April 7, 2021. This is to be posted on the website. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Agreement Regarding Housing Funds between Hearth Connection and Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. This is the annual Hearth Connection grant for new annual contract with Hearth Connection for Homeless Program Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Travis Vake presents a letter from John Miller from the Boys & Girls Club of America informing Bois Forte that an anonymous donor awarded a \$50,000 donation to the Bois Forte Boys & Girls Club, restricted for food programs. Travis said the Boys & Girls Club used to do a weekly bag meal program and can now start that again. Travis said the Boys & Girls Club received another donation of \$300 yesterday and he will present that at the next RTC meeting. David Morrison Sr. asks Travis to get a plaque with the Bois Forte Band logo and the Boys & Girls Club logo for names of donors to be put on it.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) language 2-year grant contract. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve amendment #1 to the grant contract for the Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Grant – to extend the expiration date from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Pamela Parson to sole source the contract with Med Trainer for the purchase of Med Trainer Learning Management and Compliance Software in the amount of \$1,350 monthly for 36 months. Carried 4-0-0. Pamela said they only accept credit card or ACH payment. Kim Greiner will work with them for ACH payments.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt Resolution No. 79-2021, participation in the 2021 Reservation Homeless Survey to be conducted by Wilder Research which is part of an ongoing reservation homeless survey conducted every three years since 2006. The survey is a companion to the 2021 Statewide Homeless Survey. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Voluntary Compliance Agreement with HUD. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the space lease with the Damiano Center of Duluth, Inc. for the Duluth Urban Office for 2021-2022. Carried 4-0-0. Kim Greiner would like a copy of the lease because St. Louis County is asking Wendy Drift, Duluth Urban Office Coordinator to pay property taxes.

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Greaney-Rauch-Silverdale closed their fire departments. Bois Forte, Orr, and Bearville Fire Departments will each take a part of those areas to provide fire protection to.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the contract with St. Louis County and Bois Forte Fire Department for St. Louis County to purchase fire protection services for unorganized townships.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.