

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 20, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Gene Goodsky does the invocation from his house.

Meeting called to order at 9:17 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ellen Little; Vicki Villebrun; Kim Greiner; Vanessa Little; Reid LeBeau; Dani Pieratos; Kathryn Milun; Renika Love; Doris Isham; Dave Danz; Jeneal Goggeley; Nikki Irving

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agenda with the addition of a letter of support for Renika Love to pursue her USDA-hemp development plan; add Nikki Irving with a request for permission to convert the mobile vaccination unit to an ambulance; add Toni Wakemup with discussion on Adopt-A-Highway on Palmquist Road; add Amber Zapata with discussion on the Ode'imini Giizis Farmers Market; add a resolution for the banishment of Jennifer Boutto; add Reid LeBeau with a report on the court case of Jennifer Boutto. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held October 6, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Kim Greiner introduces Vanessa Little who is the new COVID Supervisor for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program; Chairwoman Chavers introduces Ellen Little and Jeneal Goggeley who are the new Co-Housing Directors.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the request from Eddie Chavers to sole source Office 360 Licenses from Compudyne in the amount of \$64,375.00
- 2) Approved the request from Travis Vake for change order #2 for the Vermilion Motor Room
- 3) Approved the request from Kim Greiner to sole source the renewal of Timetrak in the amount of \$9,066.96

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- 4) Approved the request from Nijj Nation at North Woods School to raffle off two ribbon skirts at the Nett Lake Powwow being held October 16, 2021
- 5) Approved the contract with Blue Stone Strategy, ARPA Strategic Planner

Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers said the directors and Fortune Bay came up with a list of projects for the CARES Act money. Blue Stone will meet with the Council and come up with a plan to prioritize the projects.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt Resolution No. 24-2022, Jennifer Lynn Boutto is forbidden to enter upon the lands owned or controlled by the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Carried 4-0-0.

Reid LeBeau gives a report of what happened in the Jennifer Lynn Boutto court case. She stole money from Fortune Bay Resort Casino while she was working as Front Desk Supervisor. She pled guilty and was sentenced to 8 months in federal prison and ordered to make full restitution of all funds she stole from the Band. She had claimed it was for medical expenses. Reid said the amount went far beyond what was medical.

Chairwoman Chavers said the council apologizes to the Band members. She said the council couldn't talk about the case because they couldn't jeopardize the case.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the On Reservation Food Sovereignty Research project which includes virtual and paper-surveys, in-person focus groups/talking circles, for the purposes of understanding the Band's assets and needs better. It will also be able to provide a small gardening service for fresh food access at no cost to 4 reservation households. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers said she will ask Jeff Holth to draft a resolution for the project and put it on the next RTC agenda.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the On Reservation Health Needs focus groups/talking circles for the purpose of facilitating feedback on Essentia Health Virginia Hospital's top 3 community health focuses for the region: 1) Food Access, 2) Mental Health, and 3) Social Isolation. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers will also ask Jeff Holth to draft a resolution for this project.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt Resolution No. 25-2022, approval of the construction of a Public Works Maintenance and Food Shelf facility at Vermilion as a project for the ICDBG grant. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve a letter of support for Renika Love to pursue her USDA-hemp development plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to grant permission to Nikki Irving to convert the mobile vaccine unit to an ambulance. Carried 4-0-0.

Toni Wakemup said their family has been doing the Adopt A Highway off the reservation and are requesting to move their Adopt A Highway on to the reservation from the reservation line to four corners, and requesting permission to put up signs. Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to table the agenda request from Amber Zapata. She was requesting a resolution for the Ode'imini Giizis Farmers Market. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt Resolution No. 26-2022, Requiring Compliance with the Bois Forte Vaccination Requirement as a Condition of Making an Offer of Employment to Prospective Tribal Government and Enterprise Employees. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt Resolution No. 27-2021, National Congress of American Indians 2021-2022 tribal and individual membership dues. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Pete Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.