



# Bois Forte

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 7, 2022 at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Virtual.

Meeting called to order at 9:23 a.m.

Vern Adams Sr. does the invocation.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Kim Greiner, Angela Geshick, Beth Cook, Carol Burr, Christine Lundemo, Danelle Porter, Deanna Drift, Doris Isham, Hailey Scofield, Jeneal Goggeye, Jessi Lambert, Kathie Holman, Leah Masucci, Lynette Tahtinen, Melissa Hawk, Pamela Hughes, Pamela Parson, Ryan Lindsay, Simona Benner, Tracey Dagen, Wendy Deatherage. Ericka Cote, Kerie Porter,

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda, with the addition of Shane Drift discussion on true Bois Forte logo. Ryan Lindsay with a request for funding for students to attend the 2022 National AISES Conference in CA in October.  
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the meeting minutes from a Special Meeting held on August 17, 2022.  
Carried 4-0-0.

### Introduction of new staff

Leah Masucci introduces Hailey Scofield as the new Lab & X-ray Technician.

Kim Greiner introduces Beth Cook as the new Program Accountant Supervisor who transferred from Program Accountant.

Miranda Lilya introduces Edward Villebrun as the On-Call Receptionist and Kathie Holman as the Tribal Enrollment Coordinator.

Jessi Isham introduces Jannan Isham (not present) as the B&G Club Mental Health Coordinator and Tessa Porter (not present) as the Youth Development Professional.

Wendy Deatherage introduces Danelle Porter as the Program Administrator and Monique Benner (not present) as the Youth Development Professional.

Miranda introduces Christine Lundemo as Acting Career Development Director and Brian Whiteman Sr. (not present) as Acting Public Works Director.

Tara also wanted to thank Jessi Isham for filling in for Travis Vake on such short notice.

Cathy puts a plug out there to visit the website if interested in working or contact Miranda in our HR department.

Erynn came on and introduces Ashley Gnerer as the Accounting Clerk.

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

1. Resolution No. 18-2023, Support Title VI Grant, required elder survey 4-0-0
2. Resolution NO. 19-2023, Authorizing pymt of retainer Laserrfiche \$15,500 (ARPA) 4-0-0
3. Resolution No. 21-2023, Lease Cancellation Christien Lecuyer & Brian Weinzierl 4-0-0
4. Resolution NO. 22-2023, Residential Lease, Craig & Cindy Stepec 4-0-0
5. Sole Source & Contract for Gogleye Logging, Elder Firewood Contract 4-0-0
6. Resolution No. 23-2023, Authorizing NARF to add BF to Haaland v Brackeen 4-0-0
7. Resolution No. 25-2023, Recreational Lease, Marissa Goodsky 3-0-1
8. Request for approval of site for DNR Building 4-0-0
9. Resolution No. 26-2023 & agreement w/Dave Danz FY 2022 ICDGB Grant App 4-0-0
10. 2022 Political funds Contribution Recommendations 3-1-0
11. I'Falls Office Lease 4-0-0
12. 2022 Annual Renewal for Blue Link 4-0-0
13. Sole Source Request to Henry Schein X-Ray Sensors \$14,075.00 4-0-0

Shane in regard to the Political funds contribution recommendations, the reason he voted against it, is that the Tribal is giving more to the republican party then the democratic party.

Tara also states that regarding the lease for Marissa Goodsky, she did abstain. Cathy states we will change the vote to reflect that to 3-0-1.

Ryan Lindsay, Owen Koivisto & Rafael Marroquin have a presentation to request funding for 5 students to attend the AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) conference October 4-9, 2022. Looking to fund about \$6,000. Kim states that Pam Hughes can contribute \$5,000 from the prevention program.

Cathy informs students that if anything changes in price to let us know right away.

Students show off their robot.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve donation in the amount of \$1,250.00 to the Iron Mosquito Robotics Team to attend AISES conference for Robotics.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 30-2023 approving the grant submission for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians  
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the amendment to the Continuum of Care Grant Agreement  
Carried 4-0-0.

Pam wanted to remind council and everyone that Johns Hopkins staff will be outside the Human Services building starting today getting data collection for the sidebar grant.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 31-2023 and title Transfer, issuing a residential lease to Danny Lambert.  
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 32-2023 issuing a recreational lease to Kelsey O’Leary.  
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table Discussion and approval of new vendor and design of license plates until Tracey and look at another vendor that she was just informed of.  
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the Covid-19 leave share policy, effective October 1, 2022  
Carried 4-0-0.

Shane wants to bring up the BF logo.

“Our true name/real name is ZAGAAKWAANAGOWININIWAG “People of the thick hardwood floors” I do believe it is. If you look at when it says “Bois Forte Band” under the 1866 Treaty article I, “Peace and friendship. The peace and friendship now existing between the United States and said Bois Forte bands of Indians shall be perpetual.” It’s not band its bands. And the reason why its bands is because I think there was like 22 big families that comprised, tribes if you will, that made up Bois Forte. Actually I should say made up ZAGAAKWAANDAGOWININIWAG. I think we need to start correcting this. And our band seal lie the one that is on display here, that is not the correct seal.”

He shows a different logo from his phone stating that is the correct band seal.

“If you look at it, the ducks on the original band seal are white, they are not seagulls or anything, they are spirit ducks is what I was told and for some reason it got changed. I think we need to work on fixing these mistakes. And the Bois Forte band of Chippewa or Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe is not correct. That is what other people call us our people. We are ANISHINAABE. It should be Bois Forte band of Anishinaabe. Not Chippewa, not Ojibwe. There is going to be debate about this but we need to look at this and start fixing this, correct it.”

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Shane wants to invite Fred McDougal to come in at next RTC meeting to share and do a presentation on these issues. Shane states Fred is the one who created the band seal.

Cathy states that maybe we need to set up a meeting to start looking at and researching this.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.  
Carried 4-0-0.

Prepared by: Frances Irving   
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: September 21, 2022