



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 21, 2022 at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Virtual.

Meeting called to order at 9:11 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, Jeff Holth, Carol Burr, George Strong, Jennie Rowland, Kathie Holman, Lynette Tahtinen, Melissa Wright, Pam Parson, Tracey Dagen, Pam Hughes, Toni Wakemup, Doris Isham, Kristina Isham,

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the agenda, with the addition of Tracey Dagen to approve license plate vendor and design.

Shane wanted to clarify with the Discussion on band logo with Fred, there will also be discussion on the history and name.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the meeting minutes from a Special Meeting held on September 7, 2022, with the correction on page 3 to change floors to forest.

Carried 4-0-0.

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

1. Approval of EPA administrative orders 4-0-0
2. Approved Resolution No. 33-2023, Approving second SFIA app & Coventants 4-0-0
3. Approved First amendment to Blue Stone Phase II Contract 4-0-0
4. Approved RFP for Family Health Legal Services 4-0-0
5. Approved proposal & addendum for NCE to Conduct Struct. Engineering assessment of the Tribal Government building 4-0-0
6. Approved Vaccination requirement policy update 4-0-0
7. Approved sole source to Custom Theaters for \$29,455.00 V. Head Start bldg. access 4-0-0
8. Approved Resolution No. 34-2023 Prohibiting 2022 Wild Rice Season 4-0-0
9. Approved Resolution NO. 35-2023, approving SS4A grant app submission 4-0-0
10. Approved application for updating current Transportation safety plan 4-0-0
11. Approved request to cancel MB Customs A&E services 4-0-0

Shane brings up with the approval of the resolution for Wild Rice season, wants to stress that this was a very difficult decision. The other thing, with approved request to cancel band member owned business MB Customs, if we could share some information as to why it was cancelled.

Cathy addresses this. With all of the projects within ARPA and infrastructure we put out a RFP for A&E services for all of these projects as one instead of getting one for each project. MB customs was the business and got the opportunity to conduct these services and when cost came it came it quite high. Average A&E costs is about 8-9% and MB Customs was considerably higher. Did contact them to ask if they would consider lowering their rate to the average, at that time they were not, so we moved forward to cancel the request of MB customs. So then went with the second bidder for A&E Services, DSGW.

Shane states that speaking for himself, he wants to employ as many band members as they can, but sometimes it just does not work out.

Tara wants to say in regard to the Wild Rice resolution, her main reason was that we do not have sufficient Conservation and enforcement. We are without CO's and have been for a while. We are borrowing from 1854 and that shouldn't be happening. In regard to MB Customs, she did note in her vote that every company needs to be held to that same standard and not go higher. There were follow up items from MB Customs and she believes we should take a second look.

Nikki states there is a question from the YouTube page from Darren Landgren "Since wild rice is prohibited, is the tribe collecting insurance on the rice crop? Or is that just for damages to the rice?"

Kim answers in previous years we have received a small amount of money for loss of crops. DNR handles that claim.

Shane states that he did receive an email from Chris Holm, there is currently a rice insurance claim pending application filed with FSA. Waiting on crop assessment from FSA.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve letter of support for Bois Forte Transit for the land for the new Transit facility to be constructed on.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve contract/agreement with DHS for Covid/ARPA Mental Health Funds Contract 2023-2025 in the amount of \$397,677.

Shane asks under page 13, audit requirements, does that mean they would come in and review just this? Jeff states yes. Shane also asks any information that we gather it stays of file by states standards or our standards? Jeff states that it can differ from grant to grant.

Kim also states that we have several desk audits from the state. They will pick a month and ask for information. They don't come here we just upload the information to them.
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve contract/agreement with Native One Voice FY23 carriage agreement.
Carried 4-0-0.

Pam Parson gives monthly compliance update.

Currently working on security risk assessment. 2021 security risk assessment, section one indicates there are no threats or vulnerabilities. Section two, is about security policies, had to address question 8, how do we ensure security & risk management documentation is available for those who need it. 2022 action, informed all employees of the location of the security and risk management documents. Physically show them how to access information. Will be doing an employee survey and meeting one on one asking them to show how to access information. Section three, security & workforce. Question 13, asked if procedures are in place for monitoring log in attempts and reporting discrepancies. In Nov. 2021 began monitoring employees log in attempts through report in EPIC. Question 19, what is included in your sanction policies to hold personnel accountable if they do not follow polices & procedures. Review sanction policy annually. Security and data management. Implemented a system access request form for each manager to justify access for each user. Currently do not have physical protection for electronic devices. Need to research this one. Maintaining records work with I.T. Need to make sure we are doing contingency planning. Last one is backing up and restoring data. Need to test to make sure we are backing up and make sure we can retrieve the data.

No questions from Tribal Council.

Greatest concern is outsider attacks, phishing and ransomware attacks.

Top three issues working on completion of required training. HR filing of training documents and security risk assessment and work plan.

Top three risks monitoring right now are people risks, phishing and ransomware.

Feels like she has the resources and people to do her job.

Meeting to discuss new strategies, projects and initiatives to ensure they are compliant. Not informed formally but is aware.

Fred McDougal discusses the band logo and some history of Nett Lake.

Tracey Dagen enters the meeting.

Question on youtube if license plates can be made available to off reservation band members. Jeff states that we need to look into this with the state.

Tara asks based on previous discussion on logo and our name. Would we have to be changing this again in the future. Would also like a little more input from the community.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve De Nueces HTX as new vendor and 5 designs for plates.
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0.

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: October 19, 2022