



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 7, 2025, at Vermilion Social Center, Tower, MN, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Moment of silence done for invocation.

Members Present: Shane Drift, Tara Geshick, Robert Moyer, Jr.
Shane Drift chairs meeting in absence of Chair.

Members Absent: Perry Drift (leave status)

Others Present: Miranda Lilya, Frances Irving, Regina Howe, Pam Parson, Randy Long, Jim Barto, Simona Benner, Doris Isham, Christine Lundemo, Meredith TwoCrow, Peter Boney, Kristen Strong, Carol Burr, Lawrence Connor, Dan Rabideaux, Kim Greiner, Toni Wakemup, Marissa Rose, Leah Masucci, Carrie Strong, Jaylen Strong, Vickey Hackey

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the agenda with the addition of Jeneal Goggleye-Bid Recommendations for Housing Roof Project and 2 updates to share with band members.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a) Donation recommendation to Indigenous Student Organization of UMD \$500 3-0-0
- b) Joint tribal letter opposing sweepstakes to online gaming 3-0-0

Carried 3-0-0

Pam Parson provides a compliance update. Will be providing HIPPA training. Working on policy reviews security risk assessment for last year. Emphasis was placed on logging off computers and employee education on phishing schemes.

Tara Geshick enters the meeting during Pam's update.

During the approval of the March 3, 2025 meeting minutes Shane makes some comments on the letters approved during the consent agenda for the March 3rd meeting. Shane also asked for an update on the Fortune Bay projects requesting to use Government funds. Kim does provide some information, and that they have been working with the SSBCI program.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve RTC Meeting minutes from special meeting held March 3, 2025.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the RTC Meeting minutes from special meeting held March 5, 2025.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to table the RTC Meeting minutes from regular meeting held April 7, 2025.
Carried 2-0-0

During the approval of the April 14, 2025 meeting minutes Tara asks if the absence of Perry Drift is excused or unexcused. There was a lot of discussion on this from council and the audience, but no clarification was made. There was further discussion on Perry's paid or unpaid status and who approves leave.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the RTC Meeting minutes from special meeting held April 14, 2025.
Carried 2-0-0

Paxton Goodsky provides a financial on update on Ishkode includes sales, profits and plans for repaying the Y-Store. There was a lot of discussion on expenses, product sourcing and employee salaries.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the FY 2026-2027 MN Head Start grant.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the 2026 Head Start licensing in Nett Lake and Vermilion centers.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Child health and safety reporting policy.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the letter to Tina Smith re: Head start funding and authorizing Shane to sign.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Virginia Property renovation Phase II, accept bids, recommendation of Max Gray Construction and authorize Dan Rabideaux to execute documents.
Carried 2-0-0

David Morrison Jr. brings up communication issues between Council, Sr. Mgmt, and employees and if his concerns/questions are being brought back to Sr. Mgmt or Council. There a lot of events that he and his colleagues are involved in. Noted that participation is low, even by Senior Management or Council members. Brought up that employees were directed to use TEAMS to share their events but not everyone is using or has access. Employees should be involved and encouraged to attend.

A 15 minute recess is taken at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 11:31 a.m.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the donation committee recommendation of \$500 to the MN Native Elder games.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the Tribal monitor program agreements for each of the 5 individuals, Vern Adams Jr., Donald Wakemup, Amanda Quoetone, Brian Stillday, Jr., and Devon Porter.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the 2025 vehicle/misc. insurance renewal and authorize Tara to sign.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the contract with Northspan for Technical Assistance with the SSBCI program.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the Accounting Policy for Recurring Operating Costs, effective June 1, 2025.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the request open a bank account for the SSBCI program at Park State Bank.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Data use agreement for Participating in the MIIC (MN Immunization Information Connection) and authorizing Shane to sign.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the State of MN Micro grant for MN Paths to Parenthood 2 (MNPTP2), audience analysis-indigenous youth.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 92-2025, cancellation of lease agreement for Anna Wirta-Kosobuski.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 93-2025, new lease agreement for Taneesha Dupree.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the submittal of the 2026-2027 CSBG grant.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the 2025 EMS appreciation stipends totaling \$13,500.00.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the amendment to professional services agreement to DSGW for A&E services for the Bois Forte Housing project, renovations to 5 homes.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the bid recommendation to Archkey/Town and Country for Bois Forte Housing roof replacements.

Carried 2-0-0

A recess was taken at 12:43 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 12:54 p.m.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 94-2025, extending Resolution No. 35-2017 to employees of Bois Forte Enterprises.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to deny Resolution No. 95-2025, Prohibit RTC members from engaging in any consumption of alcohol at Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 96-2025, Prohibit RTC members from engaging in any form of gambling at Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

Carried 2-0-0

Resolution No. 97-2025, giving Executive Director authority due to lack of quorum in certain HR-related items, dies for lack of motion.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn at 1:46 p.m.

Carried 2-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: May 22, 2025