



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Regular meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 2, 2025, at Nett Lake, RTG-Eagle Room, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Prior to meeting start of the meeting, Carlos A. Hernandez is sworn in as the new elect Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Perry Drift, Robert Moyer, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: See attached sign in for in-person and virtual attendees.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve the agenda with the addition of a request from Shane Drift to address a couple items from meeting minutes from June 10, 2025 and the Lance Hill-New rec lease for Carol Burr.

Carried 4-0-0

Discussion on meeting minutes from June 10, 2025 aware that they are not ready yet. Shane brings up that Perry Drift submitted complaints under Article X of the MCT Constitution. The complaints are regarding dereliction of duty and malfeasance on Secretary Treasurer, Tara Geshick. Shane did meet with MCT Executive Director, Luke Warnholz and also sent an email to MCT TEC officers requesting that these complaints be added to the TEC meeting in Grand Portage July 14, 2025. Under MCT Constitution only an MCT TEC member can file a complaint on another MCT TEC member. So he is turning the documents over to Chairman, Carlos Hernandez to bring the TEC. Shane brings up that at the last meeting Tribal Council approved the FY 2025 budget. Shane believes that the funding of 5.7 million dollars was supposed to be used for any cuts coming down from the trump administration or the state and believes that this funding was not used for those cuts and used for a mistake in his opinion.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to table RTC meeting minutes from Special Meeting held, June 10, 2025 due to not being ready.

Carried 4-0-0

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

- a) Resolution No. 101-2025, Exclusion/Forbidden-Jeffery Allen Bingham 3-0-0
 - b) Potable Water Trailer Usage & Rental Policy 3-0-0
 - c) Approval CMS 588 form for EFT Authorization for Medicare Part B billing 3-0-0
 - d) Authorizing video footage release for Tribal Ethics Committee hearing 3-0-0
 - e) Approval for Amy Mason, Energy Director, to participate in the Tribal Council on energy & Industrial Transformation (MITI) Project 3-0-0
 - f) Permission to post state from band to the Timberjay RE: Traffic enforcement around the intersection of Hwy 169 & County Road 77 3-0-0
 - g) Contract with DSGW-Master Agreement-Amendment 1 for Big Woods Facility 3-0-0
 - h) State of MN Joint Powers Agreement-WIC Program-Farmers Market Nutrition Program Coupons 3-0-0
 - i) Authorization for chair to sign SFIA certification 3-0-0
 - j) Resolution No. 103-2025, approving bands application for the Safe Streets for All implementation grant 3-0-0
 - k) Sole source to Tribal First in the amount of \$166,333 for renewal of property insurance 3-0-0
- Carried 3-0-0

Amy Mason introduces Deanna Geelhoed & Seth Spencer, Extension Education (UMN) with and introduction of Northland Climate Resilience Collaborative (NOAA Project) Grant sub-award recipient.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 1-2026, Tower lease agreement and Memorandum of Lease agreement with Verizon for cellular tower on water tower in Nett Lake.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 2-2026, Lease modification for Marlys Carlson recreation lease.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 14-2026, Recreation lease for Carol Burr.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve sole source request to Regroup for renewal of instant notification platform.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the HUD CoC grant agreement for FY 2025.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve the Data sharing of HUD CoC HMIS data with ST. Louis County.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Cost Neutral transfer program agreement with St. Louis County.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the data sharing agreement and letter of support to the YouthPrise direct cash transfer program.
Carried 4-0-0

Donna Hoffer bring forward a discussion on the Virginia property. Concerns raised by community member Donna Hoffer: Lack of public input on property acquisition and expansion. Whether it violates Resolution #66-2019 (requiring public notice for major business decisions).

- HHS CEO Dan Rabideaux clarified:
 - Property is for expanding existing health services.
 - Funded through grants and third-party billing.
 - Not considered a new business venture.
- Chairman Hernandez committed to transparency and a follow-up report within a month.

Pam Parson gives a compliance update.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve MN North to utilize space for ITV services at tribal government building in Nett Lake & Vermilion to hold addiction studies classes.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess at 11:10am

Reconvene at 11:23am

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 3-2026, appointment of Carlos Hernandez, Chairperson as successor trustee of the Tribal Government 401K plan effective June 27, 2025.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 4-2026, Changing Embarrass-Vermilion Federal Credit Union signatories for Fortune Bay Resort & Casino accounts.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 5-2026, Changing Park State Bank signatories for the Bois Forte Cannabis Corporation accounts.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve Resolution No. 6-2026, Changing B2 Bank, N.A. signatories for Fortune Bay Resort & Casino accounts.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 7-2026, Changing Northern State Bank of Ashland signatories for Fortune Bay Resort & Casino accounts.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve Resolution No. 8-2026, Changing Park State Bank signatories for Fortune Bay Resort & Casino Accounts.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 9-2026, changing signatories for bank accounts under the name of Bois Forte Band of Chippewa or the Bois Forte Tribal Government.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve the renewal of the MNSure Navigator contract.

Carried 4-0-0

Discussion on previous meeting request for a financial meeting for band members. Address data privacy and what information can be released. Executive assistants will look at some potential dates.

District I Representative, Perry Drift moved to rescind his approval of FY25 Budget that was approved June 10, 2025, stating missing key information and found out after approved. Council decided to defer the action until more information is gathered.

Chris Holm gives an update on the Wild Rice. Reports that rice is developing slower than usual but within expected range. Concerns about sparse growth noted. Weekly and Biweekly updates planned.

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

Carried 3-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: August 6, 2025