



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 16, 2025, at Nett Lake, RTG-Eagle Room, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:04 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 Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick to approve the agenda with the following additions: Shane Drift with a discussion on restructuring of RTC meetings and a discussion on budget and Perry Drift with a compliant on sitting RTC member.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to table RTC meeting minutes from Special Meeting held, June 10, 2025 and Regular Meeting held, July 2, 2025 until further review.

Carried 4-0-0

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

- a) Purchase of 4 EV charging stations from ZEF Energy 3-0-0
- b) Amendment no. 1 to contract for SS4A changing contract end date from 6/30/25-6/30/26 3-0-0
- c) Amendment no. 2 to MDE JPA-curricular resources to support indigenous education for all 3-0-0
- d) 4th amendment to Saydee Whitebird contract for Cannabis Regulatory commission director 3-0-0

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Tribal Opioid settlement participation form and authorization for chair to sign.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the purchase of 2 transit vans from AVAN mobility.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 15-2026, approving the submission of a grant application for the SEDS program.
Carried 4-0-0


District I Representative, Shane Drift proposes a restructuring of the RTC meetings to include quarterly financial updates for band members. Discussion on what can be done with the Data Privacy Ordinance. A suggestion was made by Miranda Lilya to add at the Regular RTC meetings, which are quarterly, a standing agenda item for financial updates. Some things to decide: What financial data to disclose and whether a resolution is needed to support that disclosure.

Recess is taken at 10:16 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:28 a.m.

District I Representative, Perry Drift reads a complaint he submitted to, at the time (June 10, 2025), Vice-Chairperson filed against Secretary-Treasurer, Tara Geshick on the basis of Article X, Section 2 of the MCT Constitution. Alleging: Failure to provide quarterly financial updates and annual audits. \$5.7M budget shortfall and mismanagement of tribal funds. Delay in 2022 audit affecting program funding and lack of transparency and accountability in financial matters. Response by Chair Carlos Hernandez was to decline to forward the complaint to the TEC due to insufficient documentation and is giving Perry 30 days to submit supporting evidence. At a time during this discussion Shane leaves the meeting at 10:58 a.m. and returns 11:01 a.m.

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

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