

BOIS FORTE BAND OF CHIPPEWA
ETHICS COMMITTEE
STATEMENT REGARDING SUBPOENA PROCESS

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Ethics Committee (“Ethics Committee”) provides this statement to explain the processes and procedures it follows for Complaints alleging violations of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Ordinance 46-2021 Reservation Tribal Council Code of Ethics (“Ethics Code”).

The Ethics Code provides any party to the Complaint, including the person that the Complaint is filed against, the right to obtain witnesses and records through the Ethics Code subpoena process—the Ethics Committee does not determine what witnesses or information is sought by a subpoena request. As set forth in Section 410 of the Ethics Code, the Complainant bears the burden of proof and must prove the allegations in the Complaint by clear and convincing evidence.

Both the Complainant and the Subject of the Complaint may request subpoenas, which order that witnesses appear at an Ethics Committee hearing and/or bring records, including videos, to the Ethics Committee hearing. The Complainant or Subject of the Complaint determines who is subpoenaed or what information the subpoena seeks and provides this request to the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee then issues the subpoena by providing a signed subpoena to the Complainant or Subject of the Complaint. The Complainant or Subject of the Complaint is then responsible for serving the subpoena and securing the attendance of witnesses and/or records they are seeking at the hearing.

The Ethics Committee held hearings on July 25th and 26th in which several videos were submitted into evidence. Those videos were obtained by the Complainants through the subpoena

process set forth in the Ethics Code. Two of the subpoenaed videos were subject to the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Data Privacy Ordinance and the release was authorized by the Tribal Council under Resolutions 102-2025 and 17-2026.

Regards,

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