



# Bois Forte

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 3, 2025, at RTG-Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Moment of silence done for invocation.

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

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 addition: Wild Rice update.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Special Meeting held August 20, 2025.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a) 2025 Special Election-DI Vacancy-Announcement and Calendar	3-0-0
b) \$250 bonus for election board members for every election day worked	3-0-0

Carried 3-0-0

Pam Parson gives a compliance update. Key concerns: Cybersecurity awareness and phishing email training. Policy and procedure revisions for 2025. Security risk assessment and HIPPA in-person trainings scheduled for Sept. 16 at Nett Lake and Oct. 22 at Vermilion.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the recommendation from donation committee of \$500 to St. Louis County Historical Society-Native American Heritage Day.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the recommendation from donation committee of \$500 to Spirit Care Services and DIW for the 2nd annual elders day 2025. Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the authorization for chair to sign voluntary compliance agreement for HUD.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the BIA Amendment #9 for Telecommunication improvement and repair, authorizing chair to sign.  
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the authorization for chair to sign letter requesting a provisional IDC rate for IHS.  
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the agreement and engagement letter with Wipfli for audit preparation services for FY ending 09/30/2023 and 09/30/2024.  
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr; to approve the third amendment with State of MN, MN Dot for T mobile Bois Forte tower lease.  
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the contract with George Bougalis and Sons Co. for Nett Lake pumphouse decommissioning.  
Carried 3-0-0

Jacob White and Ginew Benton present information and request for funds for short film production. Film addresses fentanyl crisis and includes Bois Forte Locations. Council expressed support and funding sources to be determined. Further review and community input was recommended.

Recess is taken at 10:29 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

Morgan Olson, Tribal Archivist, Bois Forte Heritage Center, presents an implementation of an Ojibwe home exhibit at the Hull Rust Mahoning Mine view visitor center. Council provided historical and cultural feedback. Emphasis on accurate representation and respectful use of Bois Forte name and imagery. Morgan will revise the exhibit content based on council feedback and ensure representation of Bois Forte history and seek ways to involve the tribe more directly.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve the lease with Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union for Nett Lake Branch.  
Carried 3-0-0

Wild rice update. Tentative harvest date: September 13, 2025. DNR to purchase up to 10,000 lbs of green rice at \$5/lb. Hand-parched rice only, there will be no machine finished rice. Next conservation committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.  
Carried 3-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving   
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: September 17, 2025