



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Regular meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 1, 2026, at Bois Forte RTG, Vermilion Social Center, Vermilion, Minnesota-Hybrid.

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

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, Tara Geshick-Virtual, Shane Drift, Jeneal Goggleye, Robert Moyer, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Randy Long, Lance Hill, Simona Benner, Doris Isham, Amy Mason, Jim Barto. See attached list for virtual attendees.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the agenda with addition of a request from Northspan to use the Bois Forte logo on the strategic plan.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held February 4, 2026.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held February 18, 2026.

Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees.

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

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| a) | Contract approval-Froe Bros change order No. 4 BE-21-L51 IP Well Exploration | 4-0-0 |
| b) | Purchase of equipment-Northland Lawn & Sport Mt Iron | 4-0-0 |
| c) | Revision to the conservation code & fine schedule | 4-0-0 |
| d) | MCT Tribal Election court of appeals | 4-0-0 |
| e) | Stmt on criminal conviction in BF Tribal Court of Pam Hughes | 4-0-0 |
| f) | Proposed Sioux Roc Quarry Amicus Brief | 4-0-0 |
| g) | Review and approve 2026 Lake Vermilion Netting season codes | 4-0-0 |
| h) | Notice of Privacy practices policy and HIPPA updates | 4-0-0 |
| i) | Request for chair to sign letter for renewal of 105L leases for FY 2025 | 4-0-0 |

j) Ltr of support on appointment of Associate Justice Anne Mekeig to serve as Chief Justice 4-0-0

k) Resolution No. 67-2026, amend delegation of authority of approval for tribal govt expenditures to reflect title change from HHS CEO to HHS Director. 4-0-0

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the request from Will Mantyh and Annamarie Hill of two manuscripts for related to Alzheimer's disease and dementia project.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 68-2026, John's Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health to recruit participants to support implementation of 5 year clinical trial entitled "The Protective Role of Ceremony Against Substance Use for Anishinaabe Adults" in coordination with the Bois Forte Duluth Urban office.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess taken @ 9:56 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:10 a.m.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Jacob White & Ginew Benton for Ghost Lake short film, which includes: use of specific tribal facilities for filming, Kevin Strong designated as site contact, cemetery filming only with approval from families.
Carried 3-1-0 (Jeneal Goggleye opposed)

Pam Parson gives a compliance update. Reported that cybersecurity remains a top organizational risk, with the IT Department conducting monthly cybersecurity awareness trainings for all employees. Staff are being trained to recognize phishing emails and report suspicious messages. Simulated phishing exercises are used to reinforce awareness, with additional training required if employees engage with suspicious emails.

Policy and procedure reviews completed in 2025 are pending Health Board approval. HIPAA policies and the Notice of Privacy Practices were updated, reviewed by legal counsel, approved by Tribal Council, and are currently being implemented.

2026 in-person HIPAA training is scheduled to begin on April 20, with multiple sessions planned to encourage attendance.

A 2025 Security Risk Assessment has been completed, and a compliance work plan is being developed to address identified risks throughout the year. An external coding and billing audit is nearing completion, with follow-up training planned after results are reviewed.

Pam states that she has adequate authority, resources, and access to information to carry out her duties and that compliance concerns are taken seriously by leadership.

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the donation committee recommendation of \$250 to the Indigenous Student Organization UMD Pow Wow.
Carried 3-0-1 (Shane silent)

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the donation committee recommendation of \$250 to the American Indian Education Pow Wow.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the donation committee recommendation to deny the request from Aaron Wittnbel.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 69-2026, Amendments to MN Tribal Collaborative Governance Charter.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the purchase of a 2026 John Deere 650 P-Tier dozer with trade in from McCoy Construction out of Duluth.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess @ 11:01 a.m.

Reconvene @ 11:10 a.m.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the contract for sale of real estate on Hwy 23 & Palmquist Rd. intersection.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the final review of the evacuation route.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 70-2026, approval of SRF Task Order No. 16171.09 for SS4A grant application.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess @ 12:00 p.m.

Reconvene @ 12:08 p.m.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 71-2026, Termination of lease for Sidney Adams.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 72-2026, New Residential lease for Jayson Strong.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 73-2026, New Recreational lease for Felicia & Benjamin Pluskwik.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the purchase of 2026 Chevrolet Traverse LT from Waschke Family Chevrolet and cage installation from Guardian Fleet Safety.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggeley; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the 2026 EMS Appreciation stipends.

Carried 3-0-1 (Shane Drift silent)

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from NorthSpan to use the Bois Forte logo on the strategic plan.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggeley; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn at 12:24 p.m.

Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: April 15, 2026