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Reminder of office closure

NETT LAKE/VERMILION SECTOR— The Bois Forte Tribal Government offices and all programming will be closed Friday, October 9 for Native American Day.

Wild rice update

NETT LAKE— Bois Forte DNR Director Chris Holm reports that the 2026 Wild Rice season has been quite successful. "There have been good conditions, much good rice still out there to be had," said Holm September 23. "We're now paying \$5 per green pound to band member pickers. Weather forecast calls for continued generally good weather." Holm said that any green rice brought in for purchase will at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 8.

Fortune Bay celebrates 40 years of making memories

VERMILION SECTOR— October has always been a special month for the Fortune Bay team—especially this year as the property turns 40.

That number certainly has special meaning to Greg

that has given him much to be thankful for.

"If it wasn't for Fortune Bay, I don't know where I'd be," said Northrup, who moved to Ely in the early 1980s but due to the economy, couldn't find

Deegan, who began her Fortune Bay career in 1996 but left for school before returning to the Bay in 2004.

"Fortune Bay has been a huge part of my life. I pretty much grew up here," said Deegan. "I've worked with some people for a very long time, and I've watched people come and go, move into different positions, raise their families and grow up right alongside me. I've been here for so long; it has become more than just a job."

Deegan said Fortune Bay's team members are what really make the company successful and, for the most part, a model that works well in both good times and bad.

"As coworkers, we spend a lot of time together, and just like any family, we don't always agree on everything, but when something happens, people step up for each other," said Deegan, who has worked in a variety of positions over the years, including restaurant hostess, director of gaming, and now the general manager. "I've seen that so many times over the years. I think that is what makes Fortune Bay special. It's a family feeling here, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Director of Finance Brad Anderson agreed.

"The biggest thing that sticks out to me is the number of great people I've gotten the chance to work with over the years," said Anderson, who

started as a cage cashier in 1996 and continued to work as a vault clerk and accounting until he finished his college degree. "Whenever we've been hit with adversity the team has really come together and picked each other up."

Deegan said that with the company the size of Fortune Bay, there are always many moving parts coming together. She added that Fortune Bay's team does its best to ensure guests enjoy their visit, whether it's to the casino, dining outlets, Northstar Bar, golf course, RV Park, marina, conference center, or resort.

"There are so many little things happening every day that make a difference," explained Deegan. "At the end of the day, people can go to a lot of places. We want them to choose Fortune Bay, and I truly believe our employees are the biggest reason they come back."

Deegan said she would be remiss not to pay tribute to Fortune Bay's long-time guests, who have made our property their home away from home. She's proud of the close connections formed and looks forward to further fostering those relationships.

"They've supported us through the good times but also stuck with us through the challenging times," said Deegan. "That continued support

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Ishkode hosts successful golf tournament



READY TO GO!— Ishkode Dispensary Manager Paxton Goodsky gets ready to address the attendees of the inaugural Ishkode Dispensary golf tournament, while District II Representative Robert Moyer Jr, looks on. Moyer gave the opening remarks at the event, which included other tribal teams and vendors that Goodsky works with. It was more of a meet and greet event as opposed to a fundraiser like last month's Indian Summer Classic. Goodsky received plenty of positive comments about the event and The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, which continues to be one of the state's top ranked courses.

Northrup, who has been at Fortune Bay since day one and still loves his job. Yes, there have been challenges over the years, but the 64-year-old, who serves as Fortune Bay's Shipping and Receiving Manager, has no regrets in talking about a job

stable work. "I don't think I would have ever stayed in the area if I didn't start working here. It has given me a lot of opportunities that I am thankful for to this day."

The same can be said for General Manager Elizabeth

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Communities pause to reflect on Orange Shirt Day



GLAD TO HELP OUT— The Vermilion Sector Orange Shirt Day Walk/Run event had plenty of attendees, including the likes of Kylaya Villebrun, Earl Villebrun, Tracie Chosa and Talon Martin. Great job to you all for supporting this very important community event!



SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT— Muriel Deegan and her granddaughter, Lola, take a flyer from Vermilion Sector Orange Shirt Day Walk/Run organizer Marissa Rose.

VERMILION SECTOR/NETT LAKE— Community members came together September 30th to remember and pay respect to those generations impacted by boarding schools and historical trauma caused to children and their families.

“It’s a time for healing and coming together in a good way doing something healthy together,” said Bois Forte’s Marissa Rose, who organized the Vermilion Orange Shirt Day Walk/Run event.

Roughly 30 community members, including many children, showed up for the Vermilion event, which included a walk on a beautiful fall evening around the Vermilion Social Center and beyond. Participants were given an orange shirt, plus snacks and water.

“We feel it’s important to walk and remember all our relatives that never made it back from the boarding schools,” said Earl Villebrun, who brought his daughter Kylaya, to the event. “It’s always good to see our community come together for these events. Marissa did a good job setting things up on the Vermilion side.”

According to the Orange Shirt Society (www.orangeshirtday.org), September 30th is a day for truth and reconciliation and a commitment to the enduring truth that Every Child Matters. It opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Indian residential schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects and legacy of the schools; a discussion all can tune into and create bridges with each other for truth and reconciliation.

September 30th was chosen for Orange Shirt Day— Every Child Matters because it is a time of year in which children were historically taken from their homes and their families to In-

dian residential schools, and it set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is an opportunity for Indigenous peoples, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

According to reports, the origination of Orange Shirt Day came as a result of six-year-old Phyllis Webstad’s experience at a residential school in British Columbia, Canada. The First Nations child had a brand new orange shirt given to her by her grandmother, only to have it taken away when she arrived at school, making her feel worthless and insignificant.

“Everyone is wearing orange,” said Rose as she handed out the t-shirts to attendees, many of whom were already wearing their orange shirt from previous walks. “That’s why we do these walks—to pay tribute to our previous generations, who were traumatized.”

According to Bois Forte Community Coordinator David “Squidg” Morrison, the Nett Lake event was also well attended.

“We opened with a boarding school song in Nett Lake, and then did the walk/run,” said Morrison, who organized the event in the village. “On this National Day for Truth as we remember honor, recognize those affected by the boarding schools and the historical trauma they caused indigenous children and their families.”

Rose was pleased with the turnout and is honored to support such an important cause in her community.

“I’m very proud of our Vermilion community,” said Rose. “We always have so much support for one another as we come together for times like these.”

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Waitner excited to join Bois Forte team

New CEO feels the sky is the limit if we work together

VERMILION SECTOR— It's always a tad easier starting a new job in a new state when the initial visit to your potential new employer goes well.

"I was made to feel welcomed by everyone I encountered," said new Bois Forte Development Corporation CEO Karl Waitner, who begins his new job Monday, October 5th and recently spent a few days at Fortune Bay Resort Casino during the interview process. "I could feel the pride in this property from every team member I spoke to, and I am excited to be a part of it."

Waitner, who brings a wealth of gaming experience with him, is looking forward to hit the ground running and aspires being part of a collaborative and cooperative team that will be built on open and transparent communication—which he believes is a recipe for growth and success.

"Our personal and professional lives can benefit from this. It helps us know that we are not alone in any challenge or opportunity we face," said Waitner, who has been married for 31 years to his wife, Shelley, and has two grown children and three grandchildren. "If we set our collective goal to be the premier gaming and entertainment destination in Minnesota and if we work together to achieve it, the sky is the limit."

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the successful overall direction, administration and coordination of all business activities of Bois Forte Development Corporation in accordance with the missions, visions, philosophies, policies, and objectives established by the Bois Forte Gaming Commission.

Fortune Bay's Director of IT Fred Correa, who sat in on the CEO interviews, is a big fan of what Waitner can bring to the Bois Forte and Fortune Bay teams.

"His diversification, even temperament and keen financial savvy is what separated him from the others," said Correa. "He's a high energy person and that's what we need. I feel he's going to be a great addition for us."

District I Representative Mildred Holmes had similar thoughts and was very impressed that Waitner came prepared as he laid out a 90 day plan for himself, as opposed to learning on the job before making any thoughtful plans.

"I like the fact that he took the time to check out our area also," said Holmes. "...He brings a positive attitude that I think will transfer to our employees and customers as well. He presented his knowledge of cultural dynamics as he was raised in a tribal family."

Waitner is a proud descendant of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, Michigan, where his mother is a current tribal council member and elder. He credits her with instilling an unwavering drive, passion and pride in his heritage.

"It is an honor to soon be a part of yours," said Waitner of joining the rich history and culture of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

Waitner's background is impressive as he brings 25 plus years of progressive leadership across casino and resort operations, including but not limited to slots, table games, greyhound racing, hospitality, food and beverage, retail, human resources, sales, procurement and large scale project management. He touts his ability to lead high-volume, multi-outlet properties, while being known for building people-centered cultures that elevate performance and guest satisfaction.

These attributes were key as to why District II Representative Robert Moyer Jr. was sold on Waitner's abilities to lead Bois Forte down a successful path.

"What really stood out to me was

his enthusiasm in the interview," said Moyer Jr. "I genuinely felt he really wanted the job and that his demeanor could fit in well."

In regard to the type of person he is, Waitner said he's widely known to be unapologetically upbeat and positive in his approach to everything.

"The world is a mess, but we can choose not to be. I believe that no small amount of kindness is ever wasted," said Waitner. "Years ago, I learned that we are not all in the same boat. We are all navigating the same storm, but our boats are quite different."

For Waitner, that why it is important to be kind and see each other as human beings, flaws and all.

"The human condition is fragile at best," said Waitner. "We can all make or break someone else's day by the way we approach them."

Once Waitner gets established, Holmes would like to see him impart his positivity on the Fortune Bay team.

"I see several areas for improvement," said Holmes in talking about Fortune Bay's operations. "Employee morale, customer satisfaction, and community expectations are all important. Critical area #1 for me is employee morale. Fortune Bay cannot exist without employees who are onboard with the Tribal Council's long range plans."

Given Waitner's vast experience and engaging personality, accomplishing the tasks set forth should not be dif-



WELCOME! - Pictured here is newly hired Bois Forte Development Corporation CEO Karl Waitner.

difficult for him as he envisions spending a lot of time at Fortune Bay working hard to develop strong professional relationships.

He stressed that those relationships should be built on trust, respect, and confidence.

"Those three things are not free," said Waitner, who most recently worked as president and general manager of the Mardi Gras Casino (Delaware North) in Cross Lanes, West Virginia. "These things must be earned through action and continued merit. It will be my responsibility to earn this from you all as quickly as possible and that will be goal one."

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Deegan oversees successful leadership training session

VERMILION SECTOR— With a stake in their own future, not to mention the next generation and beyond, Bois Forte band member leaders at Fortune Bay Resort Casino recently gathered to see what they could do collectively to ensure the popular destination property will be thriving many years from now.

General Manager Elizabeth “EJ” Deegan headed up the meeting and was joined by most members of the Bois Forte Tribal Council, as a healthy discussion took place to map out what everyone hoped to be a successful future for Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

“How we talk about Fortune Bay, how we handle challenges, how we

treat our employees and guests, and the pride that we show on this property is really all that matters,” said Deegan. “People are always looking at us for the examples that we’re setting, and I want this place to be here for our kids and our grandkids and our grandkids’ grandkids.”

Deegan said that line of thinking became more prominent to her as she became a grandmother and found herself thinking, “What are my grandkids going to do when they get older? What will success look like to them?”

Simply put, Deegan wants to ensure we are all working toward the common goal of making sure we are here for the future and providing the

next wave of leaders with all the tools they need to become successful.

“Most importantly, I want to start getting us to think beyond just ourselves, but who’s coming up behind us,” said Deegan. “Because I’m not going to be here forever, and you guys aren’t going to be here forever. So, we need to make sure that we start developing now and get our leaders in place.”

The key messaging of the afternoon included the need for better communication between all departments, coming up with a game plan to strengthen our future by fostering pride in Fortune Bay, positively representing the tribe and modeling professionalism as it relates to guest service.

The latter is something Deegan said the Fortune Bay team has down pact, but there were several reminders on how that trait needs to play out 365 days a year.

Another idea broached included having a centralized location for policy/procedures and house rules. By doing so, it will give managers on duty and others an opportunity to confidently answer questions posed to them during their shift and lessen the chance for a wrong answer to be given to a guest.

Having easier access to monthly promotions or the events schedule was another point raised, whether it be having a printed copy at players club or security podiums. Some staff said it was frustrating when they didn’t know the ins and outs of a promotion or the exact timeline and details as to how a larger event would play out. It was the consensus that our team works hard to improve communication, whether it be via the company newsletter or strengthening our messaging by effectively using Teams and Outlook to keep everyone the loop on what is going on—as the old saying goes, “Knowledge is power.”

Deegan’s meeting agenda included bullet points on pride, ownership and representing Fortune Bay, along with what can Fortune Bay do better and how accountability goes hand in hand with leadership. She also held a discussion on where those gathered in the room want to go next in their careers three to five years from now and how Fortune Bay can prepare them for that next opportunity, via training and other means.

“How can we create those opportunities and prepare people so that when these positions do come available, they’re not like, ‘Am I ready for that?’ or ‘Do I just wait and let somebody else take that?’ No, we want to give them the tools so that they can be like, ‘I’m

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TALENTED TEAM!— Fortune Bay’s General Manager Elizabeth “EJ” Deegan recently set up a meeting with Bois Forte band member leaders to discuss any concerns they may have. Members of the Bois Forte Tribal Council also sat in on the meeting, which included plenty of healthy discussions. Deegan said these meetings will happen quarterly and more Fortune Bay band members will be invited to the table going forward. Pictured left to right are Tara Wagner, John Littlewolf, Robert Moyer Jr., Paris Hagen, Orion Dagen-Goodsky, Emily Lehti (back row), Jeneal Goggleye, Carlos Hernandez, Mildred Holmes, Elizabeth “EJ” Deegan, Kristina Isham (back row), Bridgette Burr, Serena King, Ryne Villebrun and Kimberly Leecy.

Finch joins Bois Forte Health and Human Services team

Hello Bois Forte!

My name is Katie Rose Finch, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Community Health Care Coordinator with Bois Forte Health & Human Services!

I'm a Bachelor of Social Work graduate, and I've spent nearly 20 years working in human services, including about 10 years in mental health. Before that, I spent nine years working in residential group homes and vocational training, supporting people with a variety of needs and helping them build skills, independence, and meaningful lives in their communities.

Throughout my career, I've had the opportunity to work with children, adults, and families in many different settings. I've learned that sometimes people don't need someone to have all the answers—they need someone who will listen, help them figure out where to start, and follow through.

That's one of the things I'm most



excited about in my new role. As Community Health Care Coordinator, I'll be helping community members navigate health, wellness, behavioral

health, social, cultural, and community resources; coordinate services; make connections and referrals; and help remove barriers when things feel overwhelming or difficult to navigate.

Right now, I'm doing a LOT of learning! I'm getting to know the programs and services available through Bois Forte, meeting the people who make those programs happen, and learning how I can best connect community members with the resources they need.

I'm especially looking forward to building relationships within the community. Trust is built by showing up, listening, and following through,

and I hope to bring that approach with me every day.

Outside of work, I love music, singing, performing karaoke, being creative, and spending time with my pets.

I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of Bois Forte Health & Human Services and am looking forward to meeting more of you!

Katie Rose Finch, BSW

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Memories from the Miigwech Manoomin Powwow



GREAT JOB!— Pictured here are the Big Auntie Earring Contest Winners. Left to right are: Melissa Wright, Camilla Villebrun, Dani Porter and Frank Villebrun Jr. Photo credit to Nett Lake Powwow Committee.

BOIS FORTE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Elder and Disabled Maintenance Program

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Bois Forte Elder Members who reside in our reservation boundaries are invited to apply for our annual home elder and disabled maintenance program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 30th, 2026

PICK UP APPLICATIONS:

Vermilion Center and
RTG front office

QUESTIONS?

Call: 218-757-1206

Please submit completed applications by end of day 4:30pm on

NOVEMBER 30, 2026

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means a lot to all of us. Sometimes when you work here every day, I think it's easy to forget just how many people have chosen to make Fortune Bay part of their lives too."

Northrup said he has enjoyed a front-row seat to Fortune Bay's growth since he got his start working in the concession stand near the old bingo hall, before moving on to other jobs within the company and finally set-

tlng into the shipping and receiving department in 1996.

However, it was more than just the property's expansion that resonated with Northrup.

"I have met so many wonderful people working here," said Northrup, whose daughter eventually followed in his footsteps and joined the Fortune Bay team. "I always remember the hugs Gloria (Love) would give to a team member when they were feeling down

or having a bad day. That hug was all it took."

Fortune Bay has evolved since its inception in 1986 as a high-stakes bingo hall, adding slots and blackjack in 1991, followed by a 114-room resort in 1996. Those additions were followed by the building of a restaurant, bar, marina, RV park, and the Bois Forte Heritage Museum, which sits less than a half mile from the resort.

This was followed by the decision to create a world-class golf course known as The Wilderness at Fortune Bay in 2004. The championship course immediately became a big hit, making Fortune Bay a destination for golfers from across the tri-states and beyond. It continues to be recognized as one of the top courses in the state, which is what leaders envisioned when the concept was born.

To meet the growing demand of businesses bringing conferences to the Lake Vermilion area, not to mention accommodating play and stay packages for golfers, anglers, and snowmobilers, 58 premium rooms were added in 2007.

Most recently, Fortune Bay changed its dining offerings by introducing the Aki Bistro and Mino Grill, both of which are in their infancy and gaining traction with guests looking for a new dining option with a northwoods feel.

The additional amenities not only created a boon for area construction companies and vendors, but they also meant even more job creation for the area. The goal has always been to provide job opportunities for band members while also creating additional funding for the wide array of programming the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa offers.

During the peak season, Fortune Bay's employment numbers hover around 340. Of that number, roughly 24% are Bois Forte Band members, descendants, or other tribal members.

"We are proud to have such an economic impact on the communities we serve," said Fortune Bay Director of Public Relations Brian K. Anderson. "We have employees who live, work,

and play in towns and cities across the Iron Range and beyond. They pay taxes, support small businesses and help schools by enrolling their children in the area schools."

Anderson said Fortune Bay strives to make a difference through community support and appreciates the opportunity to work with local chambers and non-profits, while also cultivating strong relationships with vendors locally, regionally, and statewide.

He added that Fortune Bay also prides itself on its support for local and regional fundraisers that foster strong relationships with the likes of the Never Surrender ALS snowmobile ride, the Fun Run snowmobile ride, Safelite Walleye Classics, Take a Kid Fishing and the Take a Vet Fishing events as well.

"Hosting these events also shines the spotlight on the Lake Vermilion area and all that it offers," said Anderson, who also serves as vice president of the LVRA. "We are a strong supporter of the Lake Vermilion Resort Association and are proud to continue that relationship, which allowed us to play host to two very successful Governor Fishing Openers in 2005 and 2015."

As October unfolds, Deegan and the rest of the Fortune Bay team will certainly be spending time thanking guests for their support over the years. There are plenty of great anniversary events scheduled, but Deegan said the big one will be the ever-popular Guest Appreciation event, which takes place in The Woodlands Ballroom on Tuesday, October 13.

"We wouldn't be where we are today without our loyal guests and our surrounding communities," said Deegan of the event, which will include fun and games, plus a walleye and chicken dinner. "So, I really want to say thank you on behalf of our team—thank you for continuing to support Fortune Bay—for choosing to spend your time with us and for continuing to come back."



USE YOUR VOICE. PROTECT OUR WATER.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is proposing a wastewater permit for U.S. Steel's Minntac tailings basin that would allow up to 45 years to meet sulfate limits. Sulfate pollution harms manoomin (wild rice) and can increase the buildup of toxic mercury in fish. This threatens the waters and other 1854 Treaty resources our communities depend on.

Your voice matters. Whether you are a tribal member or not, if you care about clean water, saving wild rice, or if you want to eat the fish you catch, please send a comment to the state by Oct 12, 2026. Helpful tips about how to do that are below.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

45 years is far too long. Please require the company to meet the sulfate limits sooner. 45 years from now, our rice could be gone and all fish could be inedible. Our children should not have to wait until they are grown to have clean water and healthy wild rice.

About the east side: Please require water treatment on the east side of the tailings basin, not just the west side. Polluted water is leaving the east side too. It should be cleaned before it reaches our lakes and streams.

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR COMMENT

Your name, town, permit name (U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin Wastewater Permit), what you want changed, and why it matters to you.

SEND YOUR COMMENT BY OCTOBER 12, 2026

OPTION 1: ONLINE

Scan the QR code.
Or visit comment.pca.state.mn.us
and search "Minntac."
Select "Comment now," write
your message and submit.



OPTION 2: EMAIL

Courtney Sullivan, MPCA
courtney.sullivan@state.mn.us
Subject: Comment on Minntac
Tailings Basin Water Permit

Bois Forte Tribal Court is looking for the following individuals:

Defendant	DOB
Buckanaga, Christopher Charles	06/26/1969
Butcher, Ryan Allen James	07/29/1986
Deegan, Peter James	08/21/1977
Goggleye, Charles Victor III.	12/29/1980
Chavers, Michelle David	09/25/1982
Guenthner Jr., Loren Bruce	10/23/1995
Hartland, Rustin Kent Sr.	12/15/1976

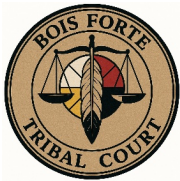
Defendant	DOB
Hughes, Dustin James Lee	06/16/1990
Isham, John Edward Sr.	04/24/1976
Jenkins, Robert Wayne	06/20/1960
Johnson, Robert Gerald Jr.	01/22/1996
Lightfeather, Gewedinodin	02/23/1985
Nelson, Thomas Jr.	06/07/1990
Roybal-Wakemup, Donald	12/01/1992

If your name is on this list, you have an active warrant for your arrest by our Court. Please contact the Tribal Court to get your criminal matter addressed. Failure to do so could result in your arrest. If you are reading this and know someone on this list, help them to get the information.

Bois Forte Tribal Court now inputs active

warrants into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system.

To address your warrant, call the Tribal Court during business hours Monday- Friday 8:00-4:30 at 218-757-3462 and request to be placed on the docket to address your court matters.



NOTICE OF RETURN TO IN-PERSON COURT APPEARANCES

IN BOIS FORTE TRIBAL COURT

Effective **SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026**, the Court will return to a primarily in-person model for all court proceedings. Attendance at scheduled hearings, conferences, reviews, and other court appearances will be required in person unless otherwise authorized by the Court. The Court has determined that in-person proceedings promote effective communication, accountability, courtroom decorum, and the efficient administration of justice. Accordingly, virtual appearances will be limited to specific circumstances approved by the Court. Not having a ride will not be considered as a reason for virtual appearance requests. A request for a virtual appearance should be submitted in writing as soon as possible and no later than **10 business days** before the scheduled hearing whenever practicable.

Questions

Questions regarding scheduling or requests for virtual appearances contact the Tribal Court at 218-757-3462

Thank you for your cooperation as the Court returns to in-person proceedings.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): BOIS FORTE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT – GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

ISSUE DATE: September 4, 2026
DUE DATE: October 5, 2026
SUBMIT TO: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Attn: Robbie Goggleye, Maintenance Director / Jim Barto, Project Manager
5344 Lakeshore Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772
Email: robbie.goggleye@boisforte-nsn.gov; jim.barto@boisforte-nsn.gov
Project Location:
Bois Forte Tribal Government Building
5344 Lakeshore Drive, Nett Lake MN, 55772
Anticipated Start Date: November 1st, 2026
Anticipated Completion Date: January 31st, 2027

Overview of Need:
The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council is seeking proposals to remove the existing generator that supports the Bois Forte Tribal Government Building and replace it with a new generator.

- New Generator to Be Installed:
- Caterpillar 600 KW 3 Phase 1000 Amp Switch
 - MODEL: C18
 - Weather Rated Self Enclosure
 - Block and Coolant Heaters to be hard wired in
 - Remote diagnostic Panel to be wired within maintenance Room at Administration Building
 - New auto Transfer switch to be installed outdoors at existing site location
 - 1000 gallon Built in Fuel storage
 - Modification to existing Concrete slab if necessary

Proposal Requirements:
Interested contractors should submit a proposal that includes the following components:

1. General Information/Qualifications. The proposal should address the following general information and qualifications:
 - Contact information including the name, address, phone number, and email addresses of the firm submitting the proposal.
 - Brief statement of qualifications.
 - A list of at least two relevant references.
2. Cost Proposal. The proposal should address the following information about costs: The contractor shall break down costs and shall describe them in as much detail as possible, at least sufficient to allow the Band to assess the reasonableness of the contractor’s pricing. The contractor should be aware that it is required to pay a 4% TERO fee on the total cost of the work.

Submission Details:
Proposals may be submitted by mail, facsimile, or email. The Band may deem a proposal that fails to address content that is applicable to the company as nonresponsive and ineligible for consideration.

- Due date: October 5 1:00 p.m., Central Time.
- Submit to: Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
Attn: Robbie Goggleye & Jim Barto
5344 Lake Shore Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772
Email:robbie.goggleye@boisforte-nsn.gov; jim.barto@boisforte-nsn.gov

Inquiries:
Questions about this RFP may be directed via email to Robbie Goggleye, Maintenance Director for Bois Forte Tribal Government, at robbie.goggleye@boisforte-nsn.gov. In the subject line for the inquiry, please reference “Bois Forte Tribal Government Generator Replacement”.



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ready for this position,’ said Deegan.

Deegan, who thanked everyone for their honest input and time, encouraged leaders to take ownership of their department, their employees and their responsibilities.

“Follow through on what you say you’re going to do, and bring problems forward, but also bring solutions with those problems that you’re bringing forward,” said Deegan, who will work on the logistics for setting up quarterly sessions for her team. “Treat Fortune Bay like it’s something worth taking care of, and getting your employees to feel the same way, whether it’s band members or non-band members.”

She also asked the leaders to ensure they are setting examples for their staff to follow and implored them to communicate as much as they can—even if it involves having difficult conversations.

“Don’t participate in negativity or adding fuel to it,” said Deegan. “How you treat and develop people makes you a leader.”

And as she alluded to earlier, Deegan reminded the leaders to look at their staff to see who can take over when they decide to retire or move onto a new career opportunity.

“Look for potential within your employees, your staff,” said Deegan. “Teach people instead of simply doing things, or doing things yourself. Give people the opportunities to learn, and then have those honest conversations about where they need to improve at, and leave your department stronger than where you found it.”

Benefits Administrator Bridgette Burr felt the first leadership session went really well.

“I feel like everyone had great input

and we had a lot of great conversations,” said Burr. “I appreciated that the tribal council showed up to listen and offered feedback and support. Overall, I really enjoyed it and it felt empowering.”

Manager On Duty Tara Wagner also enjoyed the session because she felt welcome to discuss her thoughts on operations and advancement.

“I felt comfortable expressing my thoughts openly with the feeling of being heard,” said Wagner, who added that it was great to see band members working together on ideas for improvement and awareness. “It made me look forward to a positive future with band members teaching skills and learning together. It enlightened my faith that we can and will be successful.”



CHAMPS!— Pictured here are the Co Ed Volleyball Championship winners from the Miigwech Manoomin Powwow. Back row left to right: Alphonse, Jaylen and Katie; front row left to right: Savannah, Lori, Ashley, and Payton. Photo credit to Nett Lake Powwow Committee.

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Bois Forte Obituaries

Elizabeth Ann Fletcher

Elizabeth Ann Fletcher, 94, of La Crosse, WI passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026 at Bethany St. Joseph Care Center (BSJ).



Liz was born October 26, 1931 in Eau Claire, WI to Lucille (Aubin) Hackey and Jerry Hackey. Being the second of their four children, she was of great help to her mother, who worked the swing shift while her father was in the service. She lived on Oxford Avenue throughout her high school years.

On June 11, 1949 she married Richard Howell and lived in Kansas City, MO and Los Angeles, CA. Two daughters were born. Liz with her two daughters returned to Eau Claire, WI in 1956 after they divorced.

As a single mom, she supported the family working at Webster Candy. She renewed school friendships and met George Fletcher while dancing. They married Feb-

ruary 24, 1962 and moved to Menomonie, WI and moved several more times.

Liz loved people and they always enjoyed her humor. She worked as a receptionist, housekeeper, & retail sales. Her hobbies included crafting, bird watching, sewing, baking, gardening, snowmobiling, & spending time with family and friends. Liz was a proudly enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

As empty nesters, George and Liz moved to Clam Lake, WI to enjoy their love of the outdoors and snowmobiling. Together they built a log home using lumber from their land. As an animal lover, Liz enjoyed the many wild animals and raising Cocker Spaniel dogs.

Retirement brought the couple to Hayward, WI and after George passed in 2013, Liz moved to Galesville, WI to be near family.

Preceded in death by husbands, George Fletcher & Richard Howell; mother, Lucille Lawrence; father, Jerry Hackey; sisters, Marlene Erickson (Marshall) Betty Yernatich Macko; brothers, Jerry (Sonny) Hackey Jr & John Hackey Sr. (Audrey).

Liz will be greatly missed by her daughters, Jennifer Lorenzen (Gary) Forest Lake, MN and Cathy Bellesbach (Michael) Trempealeau, WI; four grandchildren, Amy Lorenzen, Crystill Boomgarden (Dave), Stephanie Weigel (Duff), Danielle Bellesbach (John); seven great grandchildren; Jonathan & Rowan

Boomgarden, Cole (deceased) & Dylan Thompson, Devin Bellesbach (Any), Brennon & Maysen Olson and many nieces and nephews.

Liz's family would like to express our deepest appreciation to the excellent care & love she received at BSJ. Thank you to Chaplain Emma Blank for her friendship & visits enjoyed by Liz.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 16, 2026 at The Gathering Place, 133 Mason Street, Onalaska, WI. Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by memorial service and a light lunch. A private family burial will be held later at Clam Lake Cemetery.

Please visit www.coulecremation.com for more info.

Loretta Fern Knutson

Loretta Fern Knutson, 89, of Shelby, Mich., formerly of Nett Lake, passed away on Friday, Sept. 25, 2026. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12 at the Nett Lake Baptist Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home.

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Bois Forte News Briefs

Learn more about Bois Forte's 477 program!

NETT LAKE— The Bois Forte 477 program is hosting an event on Friday, October 16.

The event, which takes place in the Eagle room at the Nett Lake RTG Building, will give band members a chance to learn more about the 477 programs, services and resources available to our community.

Enjoy lunch, bingo, informational booths and more! There will also be prize drawings and there is no cost to attend this informative community event put on by the 477 staff.

Booths open at 11 a.m., followed by lunch from 12 p.m. until 12:45 p.m., and then bingo at 1 p.m.

Bois Forte's 477 program helps band members with workforce needs, education, and training. Attendees can

also learn more about Energy Assistance Program, Community Service Block Grant, Registrar/DMV Services, TERO and Early Childhood Program.

Sobriety/Prevention Support Meetings

VERMILION SECTOR—Bois Forte Substance Use Program, along with a MCT Prevention Grant, are pleased to announce the continuation of a Sobriety/Prevention Support Meeting every Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Social Center.

Coffee and treats are available. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi or Amy at 218-753-2347.

Bois Forte Sobriety Feast scheduled for October 22

VERMILION SECTOR— The 2026

annual Bois Forte Sobriety Feast takes place Thursday, October 22 in The Woodlands Ballroom at Fortune Bay.

Vendor booths will be set up from 9 a.m. until noon, while the event runs from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Big Woods Transit is providing free round-trip transportation from Nett Lake, Cook, Virginia and Vermilion. Please call 1-888-757-1540 to reserve your seat.

Partners cribbage tournament slated

VERMILION SECTOR— If cribbage is your game, then you'll want to stop

by the Vermilion Social Center for a Partners Tournament on Saturday, October 17.

The tournament gets underway at 10 a.m. Please sign up by contacting Earl Villebrun via text at 218-750-0989 or send him an email to earlvillebrun@boisforte-nsn.gov

This is a drug, alcohol and commercial tobacco-free event.

There is no cost to enter this tournament, which is sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota's Center for Prevention and Minnesota Department of Health Tribal Grants Program.



Minute with Millie



Bright orange leaves, yellow shading to red ones, brown leaves ready to fall in the next wind that comes along. My moccasins crush the leaves laying on the path in front of me. I hurry to reach the door of the house as I hunch inside my coat. The day has turned chilly since I woke up and got ready to head to the cities this morning.

My sister opens the door and tells

me to hurry. I shake my head as I juggle the bags I have packed for this trip. Mind you, they weren't as heavy when I carried them out to the truck. Course, that's most likely cause I only carried them out two at a time.

Here I am struggling with all four bags and my freezing feet. I forgot to check the weather forecast for the cities when I left. I only checked for home and surrounding areas.

It is these forecasts that caused me to wear my moccasins outside one last time before snow flies. Yeah, you'd think I'd have learned after many, many moons on this planet, that weather forecasts aren't really to be depended during certain times of the year. Or different places that one forgets to check.

Howsomever, sister steps out and grabs three of the bags and takes them from me. I almost fall at the sudden change in my balance. She waits til I grab the screen door and shoos me inside.

I shake my head as I squeeze past her. Sometimes, it's no use to argue. I just go inside the nice warm house.

Here is the Elder Nutrition Program's menu for the month of October. Services offered include nutritious meals served daily, Monday through Friday at the Nett Lake and Vermilion Community Centers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with home-delivered meals available to Elders who are unable to get to the ENP sites.

NOTE: Menu is subject to change.

- Oct. 1: Butternut Squash Soup, Cheese stick, Crusty bread, Fruit
- Oct. 2: Spaghetti/Meatballs & sauce, Italian Veggies, Fruit
- Oct. 5: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Fruit
- Oct. 6: Porketta, Mashed potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Fruit
- Oct. 7: Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Italian Veggies, Fruit
- Oct. 8: Chicken and Corn Chowder, Tortilla chips, Fruit
- Oct. 9: Closed for holiday
- Oct. 12: Wild Rice Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, WW bun, fruit
- Oct. 13: Enchilada Bake, Veggie, Fruit, 2PM Elder Mtg & Activity
- Oct. 14: Ravioli, meat sauce, Italian veggies, bread stick
- Oct. 15: Potato Soup, Crackers, Ham & Cheese Slider, Fruit
- Oct. 16: Hot Turkey on WW Bread,

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- Mashed potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Fruit
- Oct. 19: Wild Rice/Sausage quiche, Breakfast potato, Fruit
- Oct. 20: BBQ Pork/WW Bun, Potato salad, Cole Slaw, Fruit
- Oct. 21: Big Mac Salad, WW Bun, Fruit
- Oct. 22: Beef Noodle Soup, Apples & Peanut Butter, Saltines
- Oct. 23: Mexican Chicken and Rice Casserole, Fruit
- Oct. 26: Sausage - Potato Soup, Whole fruit, Breadstick
- Oct. 27: Hamburger Gravy, Mashed potato, Corn, Fruit
- Oct. 28: Baked ham, Mac n Cheese, Glazed carrots, Fruit
- Oct. 29: Pork loin, rice pilaf, gravy, Steamed broccoli, WW Bun
- Oct. 30: Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Orange

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 15, 2026, at Bois Forte RTG, Vermilion Social Center, Vermilion, Minnesota-Hybrid.

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Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Randy Long, Leah Masucci, Carol Burr, Simona Benner, Aileen Erler, Toni Wakemup. See attached list for virtual attendees.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of rescinding and re-voting the April 1, 2026 EMS Appreciation stipends. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Regular meeting held April 1, 2026, with corrections. Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees. No new employees introduced.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:
a) Election Board appointments 4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 76-2026, approving support and recommendation for MN Tier 3 American Indian Language, History, and Culture License for Aileen Erler. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the speed zone change on Lake Vermilion Reservation Road on the Vermilion sector of the Bois Forte Reservation changing the 40 mph to 30 mph at the softball field and travelling to Eagle Point Rd intersection. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the MOA with IHS for construction of emergency control system repairs for Indian Point wastewater. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the Certificate of Title

for Jayson and Shannon Strong. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 77-2026, Lake Country Power agreement for Lake Vermilion Electric Line burial project. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to table the tax allocation request from DSGW until after a meeting to discuss further. Carried 4-0-0

Recess is taken at 9:58 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:10 a.m.

Kim Greiner provides a quarterly (03/31/2026) financial report.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 78-2026, Phase I of the Tribal Code Recodification. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the contract amendment #2 with Communication Network Engineering (CNE) for the NI Fiber to home project. Carried 4-0-0

A lottery draw was done to determine name

placement on the June 9, 2026 General Election ballot.
District II Representative
Alanna Sherman
Robert Moyer, Jr.

Secretary-Treasurer
Tara Geshick
David C. Morrison, Sr.

District I Representative
Shane Drift
Mildred Holmes

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to rescind the April 1, 2026 motion that approved the 2026 EMS Appreciation Stipends. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the 2026 EMS Appreciation Stipends. Carried 2-0-2 (Shane Drift and Jeneal Goggleye silent)

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: May 6, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes May 6, 2025

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 6, 2026, at Bois Forte RTG, Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez-Virtual, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Jeneal Goggleye,

Members Absent: Robert Moyer, Jr. – excused

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Kim Greiner, Ashley Gnerer, Janelle Rost, Chris Holm, Brady Boutto, Laura Mani, Warren Villebrun, Samantha, Amber Wilke, Carol Burr, Alyssa Christensen, Brian Whiteman Sr., Randy Long, Simona Benner, Lance Hill. See attached list for virtual attendees.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to have Shane Drift chair the meet-

ing until Chairman Hernandez arrives to the meeting. Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held April 15, 2026, with. Carried 2-0-0

Introduction of new employees.

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the consent agenda as follows:
a) Election Board appointments 4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table the Travel card policy for parent committee pending revisions and further review. Carried 2-0-0

Pam Parson gives a compliance update focused on HIPAA compliance, cybersecurity

awareness, and ongoing monitoring activities. She reported that staff have received phishing and cybersecurity reminders and are encouraged to promptly report suspicious activity. An in person HIPAA training is scheduled for May 18, 2026, for applicable departments to reinforce privacy, security, and employee responsibilities regarding protected health information. The Compliance Office continues to monitor potential privacy issues, coordinate with IT and program staff, and support billing and documentation reviews as part of a preventative, risk mitigation approach.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 80-2026, issuing a USDA Residential lease to Kerie Porter & Mark Boshey. Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 81-2026, modification of Recreational Lease for Peter F. Boney, Benjamin Boney, Rachel Boney, Euneva Beaver, Rollin Beaver, Paula Beaver &

Randall Beaver. Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the recommendation of Amerind for the RTC automobile & property insurance renewal. Carried 2-0-0

Recess is taken at 10:05 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:19 a.m. with Chairman Carlos Hernandez presides.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the donation committee recommendation to Ashley Goodsky in the amount of \$500. Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the donation committee recommendation to WeCare Conference in the

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amount of \$150.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 82-2026 for the SS4A grant application approval and submission for the Y Store intersection safety project.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the raffle for the Boys & Girls Club.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geahck; to approve the authorization for continuing purchase of CDs.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the authorization for IRS Pin for selected accounting staff positions (not named individuals) & the Secretary-Treasurer.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the Facility Capital Improvement Policy.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.
Carried 3-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: June 3, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes June 3, 2026

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 3, 2026, at Bois Forte RTG, Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Jeneal Goggleye, Robert Moyer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Kim Greiner, Brian Whiteman Sr, Carol Burr, Doris Isham, Marissa Goodsky, Simona Benner, Vondalee Carr, Rhiannon Strong, Dr. Rezk, Lance Hill, Teri Morrison, See attached list for virtual attendees.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the agenda with the following additions: Kim Greiner-BIA Self Governance amendment #11 & Resolution No. 89-2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held May 6, 2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the consent agenda as follows:
a) Change order no 2-Valint Construction-Big Woods Transit project 4-0-0
b) Rescind approval for Ghost Lake Film and approve ltr to cease all production activities 4-0-0
c) Statement regarding Ghost Lake Film to cease filming 4-0-0
d) Trespass notice to Lawrence Connor Jr and authorizing chair to sign 4-0-0
e) Approval of DEED letter, authorizing chair to sign, re: support for Grand Portage regarding DEED's insistence that tribes waive immunity

as a condition of participation in the Paid Leave program 4-0-0
f) Change order no 3, Utility Systems of America for Big Woods Transit project 4-0-0
g) Title III Grant agreement with Red Lake Band of Chippewa 4-0-0
h) Change order no 3, Valint Construction-Big Woods Transit project 4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0

Pam Parson gives a compliance update. Continued concern over employees clicking phishing emails and the importance of monthly cybersecurity training through Know Be4. Completion of the first in-person HIPAA training on May 18 in Vermilion, with the next training scheduled for June 18 in Net Lake. Ongoing work to prepare for proposed HIPAA/security changes, including technology asset inventories, network mapping, annual updates, and coordination with IT. Confirmation that she currently has adequate budget, staff support, authority, and access to information to fulfill compliance responsibilities.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve authorization for chair to sign 10 105L leases (NL Clinic, Verm Clinic, SUDS Verm. Program, New Moon, I falls prevention office, family health, leander house, VSC HHS Offices, AMB/Community Center hhs only, Native Hearts Fitness center, Vermilion Fitness Center, & OEO Shelter)
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve authorization for chair to sign DOI letter requesting to enter into three (3) additional 105L leases for FY 2026 (Heritage Center, Vermilion Maintenance & Food Shelf, and Minneapolis Urban Office).
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve authorization for chair to sign request for two (2) additional 105L leases with IHS (Virginia HHS and l'Falls SUD Office).
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the Indian Legal As-

sistance program request for funding for FY 2025-2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by ; seconded by ; to approve the BIA Self Governance Amendment #11 for 2020-2022 MFA to retain MFA for FY 2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 83-2026, approval of submission of fee to trust application for Y-Store property.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess is taken at 9:59 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:10 a.m.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 84-2026, Modification of lease for David O'Leary.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve service line agreement with Lake Country Power to provide electrical service to Public Works facility.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 85-2026, Issuance of recreation lease to Christina Woods.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the funding to continue the 1866 treaty research.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; rescind Resolution No. 81-2023.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the grant submission for the Phase 2 Produce Prescription Pilot Program (P4).
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the headstart licenses for Vermilion & Nett Lake for 2026-2027.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the updated Code of Conduct and Professional ethics for Bois Forte Headstart.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 86-2026, appointing Terry Defoe as representative and Teri Morrison and alternate representative to MIAAA Advisory Executive Council.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 87-2026, amendment 2 to MHFA Grant agreement for housing trust fund operating subsidy (2022-2027).
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the strategic plan refinement and implementation workshop proposal from Northspan using tribal ARPA dollars.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 89-2026, returning authority for issuance of gaming licenses to the gaming commission and establishing protocol for conducting background investigations.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn at 10:49 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: June 17, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes June 17, 2026

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 17, 2026, at Vermilion Social Center, Tower, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Jeneal Goggleye, Robert Moyer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Kim Greiner, Jeff Holth, Amy Mason, Chris Holm, Brian Whiteman Sr., Josh Cox, Morgan Olson, Simona Benner, Vondalee Carr. See attached list for virtual attendees.

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the agenda with the following additions: Amy Mason-EMDP grant discussion, Doris Isham-Resolution No. 91-2026, Produce Prescription Pilot Program. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve RTC Meeting minutes,

Regular session, Special meeting held June 3, 2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees.

- Conservation Officer, Nicholis Buchholz
- Conservation Officer, Briana Whiteman
- Forestry Coordinator, Dustin Wolf
- Forestry Technician, Kent Isham
- Forestry Technician, Jacob Heggen

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

a) Resolution No. 90-2026, grant application for BJA Justice reinvestment initiative 4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the authorization for chair to sign IHS Project BE 19-L22 completion letter for Nett Lake Water Treatment facility. Carried 4-0-0

Moved Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the contract with Froe Bros Drilling for the Indian Point well investigation project L70. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the authorization to

change the authorized/delegated official in the PECOS system for HHS.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve authorization for the chair to initial & sign the SIFA Certification
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve authorization for chair to sign SSBCI collateral support loan agreement-post closing affirmation.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the MN Collective access subscription contract.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess taken at 10:15 AM

Reconvene at 10:30 AM

Amy Mason presented a proposed Energy Minerals and Development Program (EMDP) grant focused on conducting an energy feasibility and resilience study for Bois Forte. The goal is to prepare for potential future power shortages by analyzing current infrastructure, forecasting

energy demand, and identifying options for local energy generation and cost reduction. The project would produce a strategic road-map and implementation plan to guide future energy projects and make the Tribe more competitive for additional funding opportunities. The grant requires no cost match and would fund technical expertise to support planning efforts.

Due to a tight deadline, the application will be submitted via poll vote following final internal approvals.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 91-2026, Phase 2 Produce Prescription Pilot program. Grant submission approved at an earlier meeting, just needing resolution now.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn at 10:44 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Regular RTC Meeting: July 1, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes July 1, 2026

Minutes of a Regular meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 1, 2026, at Bois Forte RTG, Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:13 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Jaylen Strong, Jeff Holth, Amy Mason, Brian Whiteman Sr., Simona Benner, Jim Barto, Rhiannon Strong, Theresa Drift, Travis Vake, Randy Long, Melissa Wright, Tracey Dagen, Carol Burr, Elena Steel, Maggie Milam, Megan Ruzic, Rylee Kelly, Meredith Two Crow, Brooke Anderson, Madison Spears, Henry Thompson. See attached list for virtual attendees.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the agenda with the following additions: Jeff Holth-Resolution 13-2027, Bank Administrative Management, Shane

Drift-discussion on Boys and Girls Club.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer Jr.; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held June 17, 2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees.

- Human Resources Coordinator, Elena Steel
- Court Clerk, Maggie Milam
- Probation Officer, Megan Ruzic
- Patient Access Representative (Vermilion), Rylee Kelly
- Patient Access Representative (Virginia), Meredith Two Crow
- Dental Assistant, Brooke Anderson
- Madison Spears, Bus Driver
- Henry Thompson, Bus Driver

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a) Resolution No. 92-2026, Energy and Mineral Development Program Grant 4-0-0

b) Eventual Tenant Ownership Trust Land Leases (Resolution No. 93-2026-Cheryl Jensen, Resolution No. 94-2026-David H. Villebrun Jr., Resolution No. 95-2026-Elizabeth Deegan,

Resolution No. 96-2026, Erynn Morrison, Resolution No. 97-2026-Muriel Deegan, Resolution No. 98-2026-Rhonda Hoagland, Resolution No. 99-2026-Tara Geshick, Resolution No. 100-2026-Warren Villebrun) 2-0-1
Carried 4-0-0
Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the denial of donation request to ALERT Magazine.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 1-2027, Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems (CTAS) Purpose Area 2 Tribal Justice Strategic Plan.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the Onboarding Plan for new hires at the Head Start.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Bois Forte Tribal Government vehicle plates and the plate fee.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the Kaboom Playground

contract for playground equipment at the Vermilion Boys and Girls Club.
Carried 4-0-0

Discussion about the Boys & Girls Club. Shane asked how many years the Boys & Girls Club lost funding due to overdue financial audits. Travis Vake said during covid Boys & Girls Club of America were flexible about the audit but after covid Boys & Girls Club of America began strictly enforcing audit deadlines. Travis said about six months ago, Bois Forte obtained an audit waiver which has allowed some funding to resume. Travis said that the audits have been complete and is waiting for board approval before submission. Travis said he estimates Boys & Girls Club has lost about 3 years of funding which would be about \$500,000. Travis said that because of the waiver, the organization may be able to retroactively recover about six months of grant funding.

Recess taken at 10:00 AM

Reconvene at 10:15 AM

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane

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Drift; to approve the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2-2027-changing signatories for the Tribal Government bank accounts
- Resolution No. 3-2027-changing signatories for the Cannabis Corporation account
- Resolution No. 4-2027-changing signatories

at Park State Bank for Fortune Bay

- Resolution No. 5-2027-changing signatories for Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union for Fortune Bay
- Resolution No. 6-2027-changing signatories for Northern State Bank of Ashland for Fortune Bay accounts
- Resolution No. 7-2027-changing signatories

for Park State Bank for the Wilderness at Fortune Bay

- Resolution No. 8-2027-changing signatories for B2 Bank for Fortune Bay account
- Resolution No. 13-2027-changing bank account administrative management

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn at 10:22 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Regina Howe
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: July 15, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes July 15, 2026

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 15, 2026, at Bois Forte RTG, Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, David C. Morrison, Sr., Mildred Holmes, Jeneal Goggleye, Robert Moyer, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Doris Isham, Carol Burr, Amy Mason, Randy Long, Brian Whiteman Sr., Vondalee Carr, Jim Barto, Simona Benner, Lance Hill, Teri Morrison.

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with removal of Pam Parson and addition of Resolution No. 20-2027 regarding bank account access & Saydee Whitebird addendum and a discussion on the BFDC Act/enterprise board structure.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held July 1, 2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees.

- None

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

a) Request & authorization for credit cards
4-0-0

b) Council gifts for out going council members
4-0-1

c) Resolution No. 14-2027, remove Tara Geshick and appointing David C. Morrison Sr as 401K trustee

4-0-0

d) Resolution No. 15-2027, submission of grant application for MNDOT 2027 transit operating grant program

4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 16-2027, Building Tribal Energy capacity for long term energy sovereignty grant submission.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David C. Morrison Sr.; to approve change order no. 5 for Big Woods Transit project, additional material for road & parking lot.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the following donation committee recommendations:

a) Great Lakes Area Tribal health board for \$250.00

b) National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition for \$250.00
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Mildred Holmes; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 17-2027, grant submission for FY 2025 Historic Preservation fund Tribal Heritage grant program.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve leasehold mortgage with MHFS & AEA for Frank Villebrun Sr.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve leasehold mortgage with MHFA for Kay Palmer.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess taken at 9:54 a.m.

Reconvene at 10:10 a.m.

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Rob-

ert Moyer; to approve sole source request for Regroup (instant notification platform) renewal for 2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to approve the administrative services agreement with Berkly Risk.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the request and authorization for credit card for the HR Department issued to Simona Benner.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Senior Community Services employment program host agency agreement with the City of Duluth.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the request from DSGW to claim 179D tax credits for the Vermilion Public works/Food shelf facility, Heritage Center, Virginia Health Clinic & the Nett Lake Food Shelf.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to select Robert Moyer, Jr. as Vice-Chairperson.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Mildred Holmes to the Education/HHS TEC Subcommittee.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Mildred Holmes; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Jeneal Goggleye to the Finance Corporation TEC Subcommittee.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Robert Moyer, Jr. to the Natural Resources/Environmental TEC Subcommittee.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to appoint David C. Morrison, Sr. to the Legislative TEC Subcommittee.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve Resolution No. 20-2027, replacing any preexisting authorizations, the Tribal Government staff listed in resolution are authorized to conduct business on any existing or new banking account in the name of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa or the Bois Forte Tribal Government, including through online access and transfer authority.
Carried 4-0-03

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to table the 5th addendum for the Cannabis Regulatory Commission Contract for Saydee Whitebird until for further review.
Carried 4-0-0

Discussion on the BFDC Act and enterprise board. Discussion focused on moving forward with a formal Board of Directors structure to provide stronger oversight and direction for Bois Forte's enterprises, including Fortune Bay and other business operations. Council discussed the need for clear board member qualifications, job descriptions, and a timeline for posting and selection, with the goal of improving financial stability, business accountability, employee protection, and separating day-to-day enterprise decisions from RTC governance. The BFDC Act was described as nearly ready for rollout, with council review and training planned before final implementation.

Moved by David C. Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to adjourn at 11:27 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: August 5, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes August 5, 2026

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held August 5, 2026, at Bois Forte RTG, Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 10:32 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, David C. Morrison, Sr., Mildred Holmes, Jeneal Goggleye, Robert Moyer, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Jaylen Strong, Vondalee Carr, Cassandra Lakkonnen, Angela Wright, Rhiannon Strong, Chris Holm, Lance Hill, Simona Benner, Randy Long, Carol Burr, Tom Spears Brian Whiteman Sr., Samantha Tveit.

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the agenda with additions: Tom Spears, resolution no. 22-2027, SRF Task Order No. 16171.12, for preparation of the Tribal Transit program application & Chris Holm with Forest Carbon agreement amendment 1 and attestation letter.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held July 15, 2026.
Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees.
• Angela Wright introduces Waynette Larsen, Victim Services Advocate.
Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the consent agenda as follows:
a) 5th Addendum to Saydee Whitebird contract for Cannabis Regulatory Commission Director 4-0-0
b) ISC with Parameters, LTD for new DNR Building furniture 4-0-0
c) 2026 Per Capita amount & date 4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0
Moved by Mildred Holmes; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; the abstract as presented

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to table the sole source and agreement with DocuSign for the 2026 renewal for proper documentation.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the Employee Assistance Program.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the request for MDH to use the Bois Forte logo on Healthy Kids program materials.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr., seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 21-20227, Termination of residential lease for Darren Landgren.
Carried 4-0-0

Recess is taken at 11:20 a.m.

Reconvene at 11:30 a.m.

Moved by David C. Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the updates to the Bois Forte Scholarship Policy Manual.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the agreement with QHS to act as a fiduciary/representative

for Bois Forte.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by David C. Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve Jeneal Goggleye as the tribal council representative for the Parent Policy committee.
Carried 3-0-1 (Jeneal Goggleye silent)

Moved by David C. Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 22-2027, SRF Task order No. 16171.12 for preparation of a grant application for the Safe Streets for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Tribal Transit) program.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the Forest Carbon Agreement amendment and attestation letter
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.
Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: August 19, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes August 19, 2025

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held August 19, 2026, at the Vermilion Social Center, Tower, Minnesota-Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Moment of silence for invocation.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, David C. Morrison, Sr., Jeneal Goggleye, Mildred Holmes, Robert Moyer, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Vondalee Carr, Simona Benner, Amy Mason, Doris Isham.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the agenda with additions: Resolution No. 25-2027, letter to BIA re: LEA position and the letter to SLC Auditor requesting absentee and early voting services in Nett Lake.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held August 5, 2026.

Carried 4-0-0

Introduction of new employees: no new employees were introduced.

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:
a) 2024 & 2025 Explore MN Tribal Nations grant progress report 4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0
Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the sole source request and agreement for DocuSign renewal.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the amendment to lease with Grand Avenue Development Company, LLC for the Duluth Office lease renewal 2026-2027.
Carried 4-0-0

Pam Parson provides the compliance update. Pam reported that the 2026 Security Risk Assessment has been completed and work is underway on a compliance work plan to address identified risks and upcoming HIPAA requirements. She highlighted recent HIPAA training sessions for employees, ongoing efforts to strengthen cybersecurity awareness

related to phishing and ransomware, and collaboration with IT staff on asset tracking and network mapping. Pam also noted that management has begun working to improve employee onboarding and training processes and stated that she has the resources, authority, and organizational support necessary to effectively carry out compliance responsibilities. Council requested a HIPAA training presentation tailored specifically to Tribal Council members and board officials.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 23-2027, Residential lease for Brian Anderson.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 24-2027, delegating Chairperson & Secretary-Treasurer authority to conduct business with the Bureau of Trust Fund Administration (BFTA).
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 25-2027 and accompanying letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regarding the Law Enforcement Assistant (LEA) positions.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the letter to St. Louis County Auditor requesting absentee and early voting services for Nett Lake for the 2026 General Election and authorizing the chair to sign.
Carried 4-0-0

Secretary-Treasurer Morrison shared an update from the Conservation Committee regarding the upcoming wild rice season. Current observations indicate that the harvest season will likely begin later than usual, with the rice crop expected to be ready during the second or third week of the season. While water levels in some bay areas are low and rice growth in those locations is limited, the overall crop appears promising. Council noted that additional information will be provided following the Conservation Committee meeting and reminded members that committee meetings are open to the public and posted on the tribal website.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to adjourn at 9:31 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: September 2, 2026

Bois Forte Tribal Council Special Meeting Minutes September 2, 2025

Minutes of a Special meeting, Regular Session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 2, 2026, at the Bois Forte RTG, Eagle Room, Nett Lake, Minnesota-Hybrid.

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

Moment of silence for invocation.

Members Present: Carlos Hernandez, David C. Morrison, Sr., Jeneal Goggleye, Mildred Holmes, Robert Moyer, Jr.-virtual.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Miranda Lilya, Doris Isham, Amy Mason, Randy Long, Janelle Rost, Teri Morrison, Laura Ferwalt, Derek Morrison, Vondalee Carr, Linda Gustafson, Angela Wright, Jim Barto, Brian Whiteman, Robbie Goggleye

Introduction of New Employees:

Jason Bellanger, Head Start Cook, Katie Finch, Community Health Care Coordinator Linda Gustafson, Victim Services Administrative Assistant Derek 'Tiny' Morrison, Maintenance Technician

Moved by David C. Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the agenda with additions: Resolution No. 27-2027, FTA Grant Submission and Resolution No. 28-2027, SRF Task Order 16171.13 for Protect grant. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by David C. Morrison, Sr.; to approve RTC Meeting minutes, Regular session, Special meeting held August 19, 2026. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Mildred Holmes; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve the consent agenda as follows:
a) Statement on tragic loss of wildland firefighter in SNF 4-0-0
b) Resolution No. 26-2027, grant submission, Tribal Transit program FY 2026 4-0-0
c) Statement regarding per capita (validity of per capita check) 4-0-0
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to table the purchase of trucks request for HHS until complete package can be provided. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Mildred Holmes; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to table the amendment to administrative service agreement with Berkley Risk Administrators Company until further documentation can be obtained. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve the Joint Powers agreement between DHS, Bois Forte and St. Louis County for long term services and supports. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to reappoint Vickie Hackey, Shannon Geshick, Jaylen Strong, Sidra Eaves, Linda Thompson, and Jeff Mattson as members of the Bois Forte Tribal Ethics Committee, and Alanna Sherman, Joanna Boyer, Taneesha Dupree, and Reyna Davelia-Day as alternate members of the Bois Forte Tribal Ethics Committee, all effective September 4, 2026, until such time as the RTC appoints Tribal Ethics Committee members and alternates in their place. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by David C. Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Jeneal Goggleye; to approve Resolution No. 27-2027, grant application for the Federal Transit Administration ICAM Pilot Program. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to approve Resolution No. 28-2027, to approve SRF Consulting Group preparing a PROTECT Grant application (task order no. 16171.13). Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Jeneal Goggleye; seconded by Mildred Holmes; to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: September 16, 2026

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- **11:15 AM** OPENING CEREMONY
- **11:30 AM** LUNCH (Creations by Corinna)
- **12 PM** SHARE OUTS AND PRESENTATION
- **12:45 PM** CIRCLE DISCUSSION
- **2:50 PM** RAFFLES & PRIZES



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