

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 16, 2005 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:16 a.m.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Mark Drift; Kevin Strong

Members Absent: David C. Morrison, Sr. (excused)

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Shaw Guelcher; Doris Isham; Wendy Morrison; Marge Holmes; George Mihelich; Eileen Barney; Dan Zika; Kim Greiner; Marilyn Geshick; Nikki Klakoski; Leo Vidal; Marcella Connor; Pete Drift; Justin Wendland; Jason Sherman; Corey Strong; Billie Mason; Jeneal Goggleye; Theresa Drift; Dave Larson; Bill Tibbetts; Rocky King; Carl Dagen; Millie Holmes; Dawn Benner; Kristal Strong; Allan Connor; Dave Anderson; Rick Anderson; Jim Tolan; Stan Day; Norm Adams; John Gerzina; Jim Morrison; Miranda Lilya; Erick Wedge; Harvey Goodsky

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held October 19, 2005 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation with the correction on page 1, under Others Present, "Ricky" be changed to "Rocky". Carried 3-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes asks if there is anyone for the elders to contact for snow plowing at their residences. The Elders are informed the maintenance staff at Housing is working on the list for snow plowing.

Mark Drift, Sr. states he would like to see a couple staff working just with the elders doing shoveling, winterizing homes, etc. Mark is informed this is a needed position but will need more discussion on it, and if it happens there will be one for Nett Lake and one for Vermilion.

Mark Drift, Sr. asked Eileen Barney to come and explain the problem with energy assistance and propane for the elders. Eileen Barney states the energy program will fall short this year. Right now there are 30 clients in the program and she expects about 60 more clients.

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When they need propane, they need to order 300 gallons which costs \$500.00. The average energy assistance is \$500.00 which means they get just one fill. There is a grant that Eileen can pursue which will help with the propane.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to table this item – propane for elders, until tomorrow, for further review. Carried 3-0-0.

Commissioner of Law Enforcement, Pete Drift, introduces the two new police officers – Justin Wendland and Leo Vidal. Officer Vidal will be stationed at Vermilion.

Corey Strong and Dave Larson give an update on the elders firewood program. Firewood was delivered to eight households. Four free use fire wood permits were issued. They are asking the Council to set aside money to purchase the wood next year and they are also requesting an updated elders list so they will know approximately how much wood needs to be purchased next year. Andy Datko and the Fortune Bay staff are getting wood for the Vermilion elders.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the purchase of the 2005/6 Braun Express Type III Ambulance in the amount of \$59,526.00. Carried 3-0-0. The price includes the trade in of the old ambulance. Discussion will be held tomorrow on keeping the old ambulance as a back up ambulance.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the agreement with Shari Bebeau to provide dietician services at Health Services for the period of October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006. Carried 3-0-0.

Doris Isham and Shaw Guelcher present a draft Bois Forte Funeral Fund Policies which is approved to be published and posted for public comment for thirty days. Action will be taken on this at the December 21st council meeting.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #74-2006, lease cancellation – Evonne Schlichting. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #75-2006, recreational lease – Dalas Dolinsek and Maegen Dolinsek. Carried 3-0-0.

The leasing policies and the Indian Point and Vermilion rental rates are tabled until tomorrow.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #76-2006, amendment to Section XII, Section 1208(5) of the Tribal Code by adding, "The burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner who shall be represented by counsel of his/her own choosing at his/her own expense, or an advocate for victims of domestic violence."
Carried 3-0-0.

David Morrison, Sr. enters the meeting.

Andy Datko, Eric Wedge and John Gerzina give an update on the hotel expansion project. They present four options on the expansion.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve Option "C" of the proposed expansion options. Changes can still be incorporated into the plan after talking with the bingo players and the elders. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to allow RTC and Fortune Bay employees to do payroll deductions for outside vendors for heating costs. The employee will provide accounting with the vendor information accounting will remit a check to the utility company each pay period. Carried 4-0-0.

Kevin Strong leaves the meeting.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve utilizing McGladrey & Pullen to do the audits for the RTC and Fortune Bay for the next three years. Carried 3-0-0.

Kevin Strong enters the meeting.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to deny the request from Kim Greiner to enter into a contract with John Larson to establish internal controls on the cash, checks and inventory at MSC Foods. Kim Greiner and Jim Tolan are to do this internally instead. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #77-2006, amendment to the Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) in regard to retaining and storing of winning pull tabs. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to contribute \$5,000 to the Crime Stoppers Program each year. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to deny the request from the Nett Lake Police Department to conduct a bingo session for the Crime Stoppers Program (resolution #78-2006). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the proposal from Krech Ojard & Associates, P.A. to do a Land Use Master Plan for Nett Lake and Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Vern Adams, Bill Latady, and Myra Thompson to travel to New York City to take delivery of nine sacred items being repatriated to the Bois Forte Band by the American Museum of Natural History. Travel dates will be December 6-7, 2005. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Chris Holm and Louis Drift to attend the Circle of Flight Annual Meeting to be held December 1, 2005 in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Billie Mason and Judy Posch to attend the Head Start Conversation with Tribal Officials and Program Directors meeting to be held December 5-6, 2005 in Palm Springs, California. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Corey Strong and Frances Klakoski to attend the Indian Land and the Law workshop to be held December 7-9, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.