

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 20, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

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

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; George Mihelich; Edith Villebrun; Kim Greiner; Lester Drift, Sr.; Pete Drift; Carol Burr; Marcella Connor; Marge Holmes; Wendy Thompson; Brad Anderson; Nikki Klakoski; Patti Wilkie; Carl Dagen; Millie Holmes; Marilyn Geshick; Mary Strong; Corey Strong; Kristal Strong; Harold Goodsky; Stan Day; Frank Villebrun, Sr.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the agenda with the deletion of the discussion on the trust management reform regulations. A conference call with Mark Anderson is scheduled for 10 a.m., January 23, 2006 to discuss this item. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held January 4, 2006 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Mary Strong states the elders concern about an incident that happened at Vermilion involving people fighting and the response time of the police department to respond. Also, that where the fighting took place was at the elder unit where there is not supposed to be drinking. She states the elders are afraid to move in that unit because of the drinking. Carol Burr, Housing Director, states no elders wanted to move in so the younger people were allowed to move in, and those individuals were told and also given a letter there was to be no drinking in that unit (a copy of the letter is to be given to the Nett Lake Police Department). Carol also states that people should report to the police department when there is drinking so it can be documented because with enough documentation tenants can be evicted. Pete Drift, Commissioner of Law Enforcement, states the officers will check the units more often.

Marge Holmes requests a credit card for the elders committee because it is hard to purchase concert tickets without one. The Council agree they are to have a credit card or a debit card and ask that they designate someone to be the card holder. Marcella Connor is designated as the card holder and Kim Greiner will get either a credit or debit card and develop a policy for the use of the card.

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Marge Holmes states the elders want to know who is doing the shoveling for the elders because they want them to keep a path shoveled to their propane tanks also. Discussion is held on the Maintenance Worker for the Elders position. This position is being held up because of the wait for the new insurance policy. About half of the applicants would not be eligible under the old policy and might under a new policy. Because of the urgency of the position, Human Resources is directed to interview all the eligible applicants. Patti Wilkie also asks about the 2 Housing positions that are being held up for the same reasons. She is told she can wait on those because those are not as urgent as the other ones.

Mary Strong states the elders voted to not have any non-Indians who are not married to Band members participate in the elders Bingo. She states their decision was overturned. They feel the non-Indians are working and getting paid for playing Bingo. Barb Brodeen states there is a policy that any elders working for the RTC can attend the elders functions on work hours, it doesn't distinguish between elders. The Council state they did not overturn any decision on this and feel if the elders decide something at their elder meetings those decisions should be abided by.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Mary Strong as Vermilion Representative to the Wisdom Steps Board with Caroline Boshey as Vermilion Alternate; and to appoint Myra Thompson as Nett Lake Representative to the Wisdom Steps Board with Mary Porter as Nett Lake Alternate. Carried 3-0-1. Kevin Strong silent.

The elders request step stools for their homes. Marcella Connor thinks there might be grant money to pursue for that and she will check on it. If there is no grant money available, Carol Burr who is already working on getting fire extinguishers, will get the step stools.

Mary Strong informs everyone present there is a fund raiser for John Boshey at the Venture Inn in Fort Frances and the cost is \$10.00. She also requests a van to use because there are some individuals she will be taking with her.

Mary Strong asks if the trip is still on that the elders are taking to Washington, D.C. She is informed that Shaw Guelcher has been working on this and after the State of the Band Address she will have more time to work on this.

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Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the cost of \$534.00 plus shipping to purchase 50 pairs of handicapped license plates. Carried 4-0-0.

Marge Holmes informs the Council the elders are complaining about the meals served at the ENP. The nutritionist that came said to serve smaller servings but the elders want bigger servings. This will be taken care of.

Either Mavis Drift or Shirley Benner is to be present at all Council meetings that the elders attend.

There are no new staff to be introduced.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #112-2006, residential lease – Lucille Stepec. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #113-2006, residential lease – Adrienne R. Zapata and Rudy U. Zapata. Carried 4-0-0.

The development of the land use plan is to be expedited so there will be a policy in place to address issues such as lot size of the leased lots.

Discussion is held on the term employee policy and three employees who think they were let go because of it and are telling people the Council terminated them. Carol Burr explains her two temporary employees appointments ended on December 31 which unfortunately January 1 was when the term employee policy started. Corey Strong states his temporary employee was laid off due to the budget because they felt more could be accomplished in the summer months than now. Carol and Corey are to explain to those individuals what happened so they don't think the Council terminated them. (Corey's temporary employee is also ratified as a seasonal employee who works during the summer months and that part is not affected by the term employee policy).

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the amendment to the Bois Forte Personnel Policy Manual to post job announcements for term employees for three (3) days rather than ten days. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve a letter of support for the grant application to the State which will address homelessness in Northeastern Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0. There was discussion regarding the letter of agreement but no action is taken at this time in order for the tribal attorney to review it.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #114-2006, requesting the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe send the Bois Forte Forestry a non-editable

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database of all MCT members with the most current address available, for the purpose of administering allotment timber sales. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #115-2006, appointing Angela Wright as Bois Forte Representative on the American Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council for 2006. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #116-2006, appointing Gary W. Adams as Bois Forte Representative to the American Indian Advisory Council (on alcohol and drug abuse) for 2006 with Carol Driscoll as Alternate. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #117-2006, appointing Lester Drift, Sr. as Bois Forte Representative to the American Indian Mental Health Advisory Council for 2006 with Honore Lehtinen as Alternate. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Janice Connor to attend Water Disinfection and Fluoridation for Small Water Systems training to be held February 7-9, 2006 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Les Connor to attend the Surface Water Monitoring and Standards Meeting to be held January 31 – February 2, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. states there are Band members calling him in regard to tribal court which is scheduled for the same day as the State of the Band Address. The State of the Band Address starts at 5:00 p.m. and Wendy Thompson states they will try and get through court as soon as possible.

Mark Drift, Sr. states there are Band members calling him asking when the W-2's will be out, that Fortune Bay already got theirs. Kim Greiner states there was a problem with the software, the W-2's are not due until January 31, and accounting is working on them.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.  
Carried 4-0-0.