

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 22, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 1:16 p.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; Mark Anderson; Louise Isham; Mavis Drift; Marcella Connor; Marilyn Geshick; Marge Holmes; Ed Isham; Jim Morrison; Deanna Drift; Corey Strong; Lorna Landgren; Edith Villebrun; Lela Goodsky; Myra Thompson; J. Kay Davis; Jim Deegan; Jeneal Goggleye; Clara Whiteman; Kim Greiner; Patti Wilkie; Lester Drift, Sr.; Doris Isham; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Karen Drift; Mike Hayes; Brent Chosa; Shaw Guelcher; Carl Dagen; Shane Drift; Janet Thompson; Troy King; Rosemary King; Trudy King; Carol Driscoll; Lester Drift, Jr.; Effie Drift; June Porter; Kristal Strong; Millie Holmes; Donovan Strong; Jane Villebrun; Teresa Morrison; John Day; Ernie Drift, Sr.; Frank Villebrun, Sr.; Elaine Villebrun; Brad Anderson; Lela Correa; Pete Drift, Sr.; Jason Drift; Helen Wilkie; Marybelle Isham; Axel Holmes, Jr.; Valerie Boness

A moment of silence is observed in place of invocation.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify David C. Morrison, Sr. as candidate for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to certify Carol M. Burr as candidate for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to certify J. Kay Davis as candidate for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Shane G. Drift as candidate for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Mark E. Drift, Sr. as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-1-0. David Morrison, Sr. against.

David Morrison, Sr. states he votes against, because we as Tribal leaders, swore an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and the Bylaws of the Band. And if we as tribal leaders can violate that oath, what kind of message are we sending to our Band membership. There was a revision of the constitution,

which was acted on last November (2005), in which was passed by a vote of 4133 for and 844 against, for not allowing people who have committed a crime against the Band to run for office.

Kevin Strong states he voted to certify because there was nothing in the documentation that supported that Mark was in violation of the election ordinance #10, it's about fairness and legalities, and not about personal or political views.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to certify Lorna L. Landgren as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Troy A. King as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Gordon Adams, Jr. as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Dawn Benner asks if Mark Drift, Sr. has been certified. She is informed yes. Dawn Benner informs the Council she wants to withdraw her name from the certification. Chairman Leecy wants it noted that Dawn Benner withdraws her name before certification.

David Morrison, Sr. asks if individuals who file need to go through the certification process. Mark Anderson states the individuals can withdraw their names anytime.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to accept the withdrawal of Dawn Benner's name from the certification of candidates. Carried 3-1-0. David Morrison, Sr. against.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Kevin A. Strong as candidate for the District II Representative position. Carried 3-1-0. David Morrison Sr. against.

David Morrison, Sr. states he voted against for the same reasons stated earlier in Mark Drift's certification.

Mark Drift, Sr. states that none of the information that was received on Kevin Strong's candidacy was received from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, or the Tribal Court. We were all told at the Tribal Executive Committee meeting held at the Holiday Inn Metrodome on December 20, 2005 on election ordinance #10, the candidate's background checks would be from the three particular sources. I want it noted that Kevin Strong's background check from the FBI, BCA, and Tribal Court did not produce any evidence that would disqualify him from holding office. The benefit of the doubt will be given to the person seeking office. It's about being fair to our band members.

Chairman Leecy wants it noted that on the information received, the Council based their decision on non-certified court records.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify James P. Deegan as candidate for the District II Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Christy Running Bear as candidate for the District II Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Daniel J. Morrison as candidate for the District II Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Raymond A. Toutloff as candidate for the District II Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to appoint Leif Rasmussen as Election Contest Judge. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Mark Drift, Sr. feels a Native American should be sought for the election contest judges.

Moved by Kevin Strong, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Cynthia J. Miller as Alternate Election Contest Judge. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.